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# History of the Smyser Family in America

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Celebrating the

200th Anniversary

of the

Schmeisser–Smyser Family  
in America

## Introduction

### To Genealogy of the Smyser Family

By observation and experience we are realizing more and more the truth of the saying, "The fruitage of the present depends upon the rootage of the past."

Perhaps one of the greatest weaknesses of our modern age lies in the fact that we have been ignoring and forgetting the past in our personal and national history. It is a hopeful sign that Mrs. Amanda L. Xanders has become convinced of the necessity of preserving the records of the past which in so many instances have been neglected and, through long neglect, lost forever. I take pleasure in commending her for her long search, her faithful and trustworthy records and her definite contribution to the permanent establishment of these historical data.

WILLIAM F. CURTIS  
*President, Cedar Crest College*  
*Allentown, Pa.*





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ISRAEL LAUCKS



IMILDA ARABELLA WILT-LAUCKS



This book  
is dedicated with the deepest love and  
respect to my parents

Israel Laucks  
Imilda Arabella Wilt-Laucks

“My boast is not that I derive my birth  
From loins enthroned or Rulers of the Earth,  
But higher far my proud pretensions rise,  
The child of Parents passed into the skies.”

—COWPER





## Foreword

THIS volume is dedicated to the history of the Smyser Family in America. It is the rich accumulation of facts, of scattered memorials, of scores of personal items gathered during many years through the unflagging energy, the never-failing enthusiasm of a kinswoman. It is fitting, then, that we should here record our debt to her, our lasting gratitude for this service of pious devotion which she has rendered to each of us who share the traditions of our common stock and hold them dear.

Fitting it is, also, that we should link with hers the name and memory of another woman to whom we owe an even greater debt, howbeit a debt not often recognized. As one brushes away the moss that obliterates an inscription on an ancient gravestone, so would I here show again from out of the past something of the character of our common ancestress, Anna Barbara (for so the name appears in the ship's list), the widow of Martin Schmeisser, the mother of Mathias; she it was who exactly two hundred years ago, at fifty years of age, brought her three children—a girl of twenty and two boys of sixteen and nine—from the far off fatherland across the sea to find an asylum for them on the banks of the Codorus in Pennsylvania. They landed in Philadelphia, the records tell us, on September 1, 1731. We have been wont to trace our descent from her elder son, Mathias, to hail him as the first of our line, ignoring whatever other lines may have originated in George, the second son, or Margaret, the daughter. And yet to this Anna Barbara, to her courage, her vision, her tenacity of purpose and firmness of will it is that we owe our being here at all; not to Mathias who was too young to inaugurate and carry through the great adventure!

A recent search of the register of the parish church of Lustenau has brought to light a few significant facts concerning her and her husband, Martin, which give substance and reality to what were otherwise mere names, the shadowy ghosts of persons: that he was a "prentice farmer" "aus Dinkelsbühl" when they were married in the parish church, "den 6. May, 1710"; that his

father, Andreas by name, was likewise a farmer of the same neighborhood before him; that she (Maria Barbara, as the name appears here) was the fortunate surviving daughter of Johann Georg Kälther, "Master of the Red Mill," who, as such, was probably a man of importance in his day.

Assuming that Martin and Barbara were at the time of their marriage in their early twenties, the date of their births lies close to that period of monstrous wars, of pitiless devastation under which Germany groaned at the hands of Louis of France and his successors. The treaty of Ryswich which ended the war between France and Germany was signed in 1697, but it brought no relief to the Protestants of the Palatinate and neighboring states. Macaulay paints the picture for us: "The flames went up from every market-place, every parish church, every country-seat, within the devoted province. The fields where the corn had been sowed were ploughed up. The orchards were hewn down. No promise of harvest was left on the fertile plains near what had been Frankenthal. Not a vine, not an almond tree was to be seen on the slopes of the sunny hills around what had once been Heidelberg." That Dinkelsbühl, some distance removed from these atrocities, may have suffered grievously, it is fair to assume. Hence a flood of light out of the past illuminates the conditions which the bride and bridegroom faced soon after their marriage, and suggests the reason which thirty years later, after the death of her husband, prompted her to face exile with her children rather than to remain amid the cruelties of the times at home. How she found the money for the long and costly journey we can only speculate. Perhaps her inheritance from her father, or the sale of the Red Mill, may have supplied the necessary funds, if the property of her husband was insufficient.

However that may be, whatever the occasion of her departure, it is evident that the widow of Martin Schmeisser was a woman of great vigor and independence of character. Many a man, not to say woman, is old at fifty, too old for adventure.

Not she! To travel the long miles over the hills by wagon or ox-cart, perhaps as far as to Strassburg where the Rhine afforded an open though perilous pathway to the sea; to sail in a small boat, heavily loaded with household gear, down that fabled stream to Rotterdam; there to embark upon the tiny English ship *Britannia* for the long, tedious voyage across the Atlantic—a voyage upon which pilgrims often perished; to face the confusion of a strange port where an unfamiliar tongue was spoken; to trek bravely westward through the forest to Lancaster, thence southward to the outpost of the peaceful German invasion at York, where perchance a few friends who had preceded her would give her greeting and ease her homesickness; to establish herself and her children in a strange, raw country, until

her boys should be of an age to care for her and themselves and their sister—all this called for a stout heart and brave, an unshaken faith and clear vision to discern (amid whatever hardship and heartache) the high goal of her hopes.

It is appropriate, then, to link the name of this great-great-grandmother of ours, seven, eight, or nine generations removed, who gave us our goodly heritage to be born in America and to spend our lives in the enjoyment of our American civilization—to link her name, I say, with that of our contemporary kinswoman who has given us this first volume of family history—Amanda Laucks Xanders.

WILLIAM EMORY SMYSER  
*Dean of the College*  
*Wesleyan University*

Delaware, Ohio,  
May 4, 1931.







AMANDA LYDIA LAUCKS-XANDERS

## Preface

YEARS ago, when Mrs. Jacob Hay, née Catherine Smyser, daughter of Joseph and wife of Dr. Hay, first appealed to me in behalf of the Smyser genealogy, it was only to establish our record for eligibility to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, as a chapter known as "Yorktown D. A. R." had been organized some few years before.

How earnestly and often on each succeeding visit to my native town of York, Pa., did she beg and implore me to establish our line of descent and proof of service from our Smyser ancestry. But, owing to the tender youth of my children, I was compelled to remain deaf to her appeal, and when finally I undertook the work she was too ill to be told that at last I was doing her bidding.

My first venture in this new field of endeavor was to visit the graves of our ancestors in Prospect Hill Cemetery, sitting in deep snow (as my visits home were in the winter) to copy the tombstone inscriptions written in German, which the Minister of the Union Lutheran Church across the way from my father's home translated for me.

In due time our line was established, going back to Mathias Smyser, Jr., who was a member of a Company (See Prowell's History of York Co.).

Years later, I followed the line back to Mathias Smyser 1st: When York county was called on to furnish a specified number of "teamsters" from each town and township, Mathias Smyser became one of them, thereby giving us, his descendants, two Smyser ancestral D. A. R. bars.

It was in 1906, if I remember correctly, that we, my three sisters and myself, became members of Yorktown Chapter D. A. R.

Never having taken any interest in ancestry, this venture—a veritable leap in the dark—opened up new lines of endeavor, until now I am

the proud possessor of 16 known ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War.

The work seems to grow on a person, just as a co-worker of mine once said: "It is like the dope habit—once acquired, you never can get rid of it."

Years of work gave membership in the war of 1812, Omaha Chapter. Charter membership Daughters of the Colonists, 2nd Vice Pres., Lancaster, Pa., chapter recently organized. Organizing Regent and Regent five years of Platte Chapter, Columbus, Neb., and membership in other Societies.

It has only been since the death of my husband that I began to gather data for genealogies: Forry's or Ferree's; Slagle's; Lora's or Loreau's; Zeller's; Laux' or Laucks'; and Smyser's.

Three years ago—when Dean William Emory Smyser of Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, suggested a family reunion for 1931, celebrating the 200th anniversary of our ancestors landing in America—I conceived the idea of publishing a history and genealogy for that year, scarcely realizing the Herculean task I had taken upon myself.

Fortunately, a few years earlier I had begun to classify the material I had gathered from carefully examined tombstones in many of the old burying grounds and cemeteries, both public and private.

Old records in Lancaster, York, Philadelphia, Chester and Harrisburg were as carefully examined to ascertain the first land they owned and their earliest places of residence.

Wills, deeds, Orphans' Court records, and even mortgages and memoranda were also carefully examined. Wherever access could be gained to them, church records were scanned for births, marriages and deaths. Old family Bibles gave up their long hidden data.

Much time and expense were freely given to the work.



The greatest care has been taken to insure the most reliable data with reference to its source.

Years of thought and innumerable mental acrobatic feats were performed during the darkness and silence of the night, to find a way to penetrate the impenetrable stone wall I seemed "up against."

Always, always the thought carried: "Seek and ye shall find! Seek and ye shall find ! ! "

Samuel Smyser laid out Smyserstown. When it was included within the limits of the City of York it boasted nearly 1000 houses.

Smyser Station was named after a Smyser.

A Pullman Sleeper was named after a Smyser.

The Smyser School in the country west of West York recently received wide publicity, because a huge rat contrived to put out of service the old type of organ in the school, during devotional services, on a Thursday morning 1931. That same evening, when the organ was turned over for repair, the rat jumped out.

If I had received replies to the many letters written, and each and every one had taken an interest in giving all the information possible, this genealogy would be even more perfect in its lineage than it is.

To each and every one who in any way and

every way assisted in this work I hereby acknowledge my indebtedness, as the list is too long to publish.

I also acknowledge the kindness and courtesy and helpfulness of Daniel W. Haugh, Mrs. Earl E. Kauffman and T. Byrd Heistand in the York County Court House, York, Pa.

The labor and research necessary, when the relationship is so involved as the Smyser's, can only be understood and appreciated by those who have undertaken similar work.

In arranging the birth dates of quite a few people—I have had to select often one out of two or three—the Church record may give one date (birth or baptismal) and the tombstone in the cemetery give another—so if there is a discrepancy it is nearly always due to the above-mentioned fact or to the memory of the person giving the dates.

That there will be criticism, just or unjust, there is no doubt. Still I feel sure it supplies a long felt want in the lives of many Smyser descendants who long to know of the early history of the family in this country as is proved by the number of unsolicited orders for nearly 100 volumes.

AMANDA LYDIA LAUCKS-XANDERS





Ship BRITANNIA  
of London  
Sept. 21, 1731,  
Capt. Michael Franklin  
from Rotterdam

On the list of passengers we find

Barbara Smeisser, widow, aged 50 years

Margaret Smeisser, aged 20 years

Mathias Smeisser, aged 16 years

John George Smeisser, aged 9 years

(These spellings are from the ships' lists. The families themselves,  
however, spelled their names Schmeisser and Koppenhoester.)

Ship PENNSYLVANIA, Capt. John Stedman  
Sept. 11, 1732, from Plymouth

On the list of passengers were the names of:

Wolfgang Copenhaver, father

Anna Maria Copenhaver, mother

*Children*

1. Anna Catherine Copenhaver

2. Barbara Copenhaver

3. Michael Copenhaver

4. Rosina Copenhaver

Settled in what is now Lebanon Co., Pa.

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## An Account of the Smeisser (Schmeisser) Family

From Swope: Lists of Crests and Family Names. Library at Vienna: 394-83

By William E. Smyser, Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware

THE family of Schmeisser is one of the oldest German families of free (that is, noble) descent, who flourished among the Silesian Knighthood, and already in the 12th century possessed the family property of Ehrenpreisberg.\* For this reason they also styled themselves the "Schmeissers von Ehrenpreisberg." Up to the present time we find the name among various families of the Prussian and Saxon countries who, as successors of the Schmeissers of Ehrenpreisberg, have always preserved and up to date borne the coat-of-arms of their knightly kinsfolk.

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\*On the Austrian border, not far from Vienna.

However, this family is no longer found in the genealogical lists of the German nobility, for the reason that about the middle of the 17th century, during the bloody period of war at that time, the earlier lines of the family were entirely extinguished and members of later lineage took their place. The latter gave up their very nobility, enrolled themselves among the bourgeoisie and, brought up as townfolk (i.e., tradesmen), lived and brought up their children as townfolk.

As head of the line of this family stands the Silesian landed proprietor and knight, "Bohemund, der Schmeisser von Ehrenpreisberg," who lived about the year 1128 A.D.



## COAT OF ARMS

SCHMEISS; Schmeissen von Ehrenpreisberg, in Siebmacher's Wappenbuch, volume 6, part 8, section 3, on plate 69.

This was a Silesian family in the 16th and 17th centuries and is extinct now.

The coat of arms is described as follows: The shield is quartered. First quarter, blue sky with clouds and the green hill on which veronica or speedwell (Ehrenpreis) is growing. Second and third quarters, gold with half a black eagle at the inner edge. Fourth quarter, red with a round silver tower.

Crest: Coming out of a crown is an arm in armor, brandishing a sword between two wings; the left one being half silver and half red; the right one half gold, half black. The scroll-work is black and gold on one side and silver and red on the other. The helmet is steel colored.

The Smyser family is one of the oldest and most prominent in York Co., Pa.

The name was originally Schmeisser, which translated means "one who throws"; the laurel branch was the emblem of the family.

The first one of whom we have record is Martin Schmeisser, a farmer who became second officer in command under Frederick V, and who was mortally wounded at the battle of Würtemberg.

His last words were: "Though all the world is lost, I stand firm in my faith" (Mentzel's "History of German Warriors"). He was a member of the Lutheran Church in the Parish of Lustenau.

Later his widow, Anna Barbara, emigrated to America, accompanied by her three children, Margaret, Mathias and John George.

Mathias Schmeisser 1st, as he is called, was born in the village of Rugelbach, belonging to the Parish of Lustenau, about six miles west of Dinkelsbühl, Germany.

Dinkelsbühl is a considerable town, within a few miles of the boundary of the Kingdom of Bavaria. Rugelbach is situated in Würtemberg, a few miles from the boundary which separates that Kingdom from that of Bavaria. Dinkelsbühl is nearly on a straight line between Stuttgart and Nuremberg, about seventy-five miles from the former and sixty miles from the latter.

Mathias Schmeisser and family (for he was but sixteen years of age) made their first settlement in the neighborhood of Kreutz Creek, York Co., Pa., where he followed the weaving business. (Later he took up land in the vicinity of what afterward became known as Spring Forge, now called Spring Grove.—*Tradition*, no proof.)

Mathias Schmeisser 1st (now Smyser) was in the Revolutionary War, not as a soldier but as a teamster conducting a baggage wagon, when York Co. was called on to provide 118 wagons for the purpose of removing government stores to places of safety, west of the Susquehanna River. This occurred shortly after the battle of Germantown.

Demands on the townships and York were as follows: Monaghan, 2; Warrington, 2; Dover, 3; Newberry, 6; Manchester, 6; Hellam, 4; York Twp., 4; York Borough, 2; Hopewell, 2; Chanceford, 2; Fawn, 4; Heidelberg, 6; Paradise, 6; Manheim, 5, etc., etc.

Mathias Smyser was a zealous advocate of the American cause, and so were all his children. Mathias Emerick Smyser and his brother, Jacob Mathias Smyser, were privates in Capt. Emanuel Herman's Company in 1777 and belonged to the second Battalion (Prowell's History of York Co., page 273 or 275).

Book A. A.—251—1774.

Mathias Schmeisser of Manchester Twp., weaver, of the one part and Mathias Schmeisser, Jr., of same place, yeoman.

Whereas Charles, Lord Baron of Baltimore, by his letters Patent, under the great seal of the Province of Maryland, bearing date the 21st of October, 1735, for consideration therein mentioned did grant, bargain, confirm unto a certain John Low of Baltimore Co., Md., the following described tract of land said to be within his Lordship's reserve, situate on West side of Susquehanna River, now in Manchester Twp., York Co., Pa., beginning at a bounded white Oak standing on a hill side near the wagon road leading from Susquehanna River towards Potomac, running thence Northwest 40 perch, Northeast 460 perch, Southeast 220 perch, thence by straight line to place of beginning, containing and laid out for 372 acres—To hold, to him the said John Low, his heirs, etc., etc., as by Patent entered in the Office of Recorder of Deeds in Baltimore Co., Md., E-I-N-4, folio 11, may appear.

Whereas John Low, by Indenture May 21, 1740, for consideration therein mentioned did sell to John Henthorne.

Whereas the said John Henthorne May 3, 1745, sold for consideration to Mathias Schmeisser (Smiser), his heirs, etc., 272 acres.

Whereas the Honorable Proprietors of Pennsylvania by their letter Patent under the Great Seal of the state, dated 6th day of June, 1766, did grant for consideration to Mathias Schmeisser land adjoining the other 213 acres (31 pages recorded in Patent Book A. A., volume 7, page 49, now at Harrisburg, Pa.) sold to his son Mathias Schmeisser, Jr., for 300 lbs.—204½ acres intended to be willed to him.

Page 388—Mathias Schmeisser sold to his son, Michael Schmeisser, 1774, for 300 lbs., 142 acres, buildings, etc., etc.

Page 390—Mathias Schmeisser, weaver, to Jacob Schmeisser, farmer, his son, for 300 lbs., 137 acres, second tract, 4 acres, May 26, 1774.

LAST WILL OF MATHIAS SMYSER 1ST  
Made April 7, 1778. Probated May 1, 1778.  
Book D—118.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Mathias Smyser, Sr., of Manchester Township in the County of York and Penna., yeoman, being sick and weak in body but of sound disposing mind and understanding, do this seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, make and publish this my last will and testament as follows—First I order my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and satisfied by my executors herein named; Secondly it is my will and I do hereby give and bequeath unto my six daughters

named: Dorothy intermarried with Peter Hoke; Rosina intermarried with George Moul; Sabina intermarried with Jacob Swope; Elizabeth intermarried with Leonard Eichelberger; Anna Maria intermarried with Martin Ebert, and Susanna my youngest daughter, to each and every one of them the sum of 225 lbs. lawful money, over and above their several and respective shares of my estate, herein after mentioned.

And it is my will nevertheless that as much as my aforesaid daughters have received of me, which is charged in my book, shall be so much of it as shall count. And further it is my will and I do order and direct that all the remainder of my estate real as well as personal which it not herein given and bequeathed, shall be equally divided among all my children, namely Michael; Jacob; Mathias; Dorothy; Sabina; Rosina; Elizabeth; Anna Maria; and Susanna, their heirs and assigns forever, share and share alike.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons Michael and Jacob Smyser to be executors of this my last will and Testament, Hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.  
Witnesses:

(signed) Mathias Smyser  
John Morris  
(one name in German)



# Mathias Schmeisser-Smyser 1st

Feb. 15, 1715—1778, Apr. 12

m—July 23, 1738 Anna Catherine Koppenhaffer  
June 5, 1717—1763, Feb. 13, daug. of Wolf-  
gang of Lebanon Co., Pa.

## Children 11

1. John George, Dec. 23, 1739—
  2. John Michael, Nov. 21, 1740—1810
  3. Mathias Jacob, Oct. 3, 1742—1793
  4. Mathias Emeric, Nov. 1, 1744—1829
  5. Maria Dorothy, Mar. 19, 1747—
  6. Rosina, Feb. 12, 1749—1796 or 1797
  7. Mary Sabina, Dec. 14, 1750—
  8. Elizabeth, Mar. 21, 1753—
  9. Anna Maria, bapt. May 29, 1757; 1756—  
1833
  10. Susanna, bapt. June 26; 1760—1840
  11. Henry
- Christ Lutheran Church gives the marriage of  
George Smyser 1760 to Mulhaus  
No issue  
He died before 1763

2. COLONEL JOHN MICHAEL SMYSER  
m—Anna Maria or Margaret or Mary Hoke,  
daug. of Jacob
3. M. JACOB SMYSER  
m—Elizabeth Eichelberger
4. MATHIAS E. SMYSER  
m—Louisa Slagle
5. MARIA DOROTHY SMYSER  
m—Peter Hoke
6. ROSINA SMYSER  
m—George Moul
7. MARY SABINA SMYSER  
m—John Jacob Swope
8. ELIZABETH SMYSER  
m—Leonard Eichelberger
9. ANNA MARIA SMYSER  
m—Martin Ebert
10. SUSANNA SMYSER  
m—Philip Ebert

# John Michael Smyser

## 2nd Child of Mathias Smyser 1st

2. COLONEL JOHN MICHAEL SMYSER  
Nov. 21, 1740—1810, July 7  
Lived West Manchester Twp., York Co., Pa.  
Colonel in Revolutionary War  
m—Anna Maria or Mary Hoke, daug. of Jacob

## Children 7

1. Peter Smyser, Nov. 12, 1761—1830,  
July 9
2. Elizabeth Smyser
3. Sarah Smyser
4. Jacob Smyser, Jan. 25, 1776—1855
5. Mary Smyser
6. Michael Smyser, Jan. 5, 1778—1845,  
Sept. 23
7. Susan Smyser

Col. Michael Smyser's sponsors were his uncle,  
John George Smyser, and his wife, Barbara  
Stambaugh.

He was long and extensively known as a  
highly respectable farmer and tavern keeper, in  
what is now West Manchester Twp., near the  
site of his father's home. He owned a farm of 200  
acres. Though not favored with a liberal educa-  
tion, he was known as a man of discriminating  
mind and sound judgment.

He was early associated with the Revolution-  
ary cause, and was a useful man in the councils  
of that day, as well as on the field of battle.

He was one of a committee of 12 from York  
Co. who raised money in 1775 to send to the

inhabitants of Boston, when the port of that city was closed by the British; collecting 6 lbs. 12s. 1d. from his own township, which amount was the most raised by any one person.

If the American cause had failed, every one on that committee would have forfeited his life on the scaffold of the enemy.

He joined the Continental Army as a captain in Col. Michael Swope's regiment of York Co. Volunteers; he was captured by the enemy in the engagement at Fort Washington, North of New York City, on the 16th of September, 1776. Several months of distressing imprisonment followed, during which time he was untiring in his efforts to alleviate the sufferings of his fellow prisoners. He was always bold and animated in his country's cause.

After his release and return home in 1778 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania from York Co., and from that time to 1790 he was re-elected seven times.

From 1790 to 1795 he represented his County in the State Senate, being the first person elected to that office under the State Constitution of 1790. Here his warm attachment to our political institutions enabled him to act with honor to himself and his constituents.

Ref.: Gibson's History of York Co.

#### COL. MICHAEL SMYSERS *Will*

Book M—237—1810.

I Michael Smyser of West Manchester Twp., yeoman, etc., etc.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Anna Maria (or Mary Hoke, daug. of Jacob), 4 rooms in my house we now live in (intended to be willed to my son Michael), that is to say: the little back room in the old building; the new room down stairs; and 2 back rooms above stairs.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of garden;  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Spring house and Kitchen equipage she shall need; all my silver, table and teaspoons; all my linen, woollen cloth, flax, hemp and the interest of 1000. Etc., etc.

ITEM: To my son Peter Smyser 1.00 and a sum of money allowed to him for his new dwelling plantation shall be in full his share.

ITEM: To my son Jacob Smyser of York, Tanner, all that my two story Store I managed and a half lot of ground on North side of High

St., adj. Christian Ilgenfritz on the East, Newberry St. on the West; also two other lots of ground in York, buildings, etc., also all that picce of ground I bought in W. Manchester Twp. containing 15 acres, adj. Peter Hoke and which I value at 1500 lbs., he to pay executors 500, and the rest to be his share.

ITEM: I give to my son Michael Smyser Jr., his heirs etc., all my now dwelling plantation, situated in W. Manchester Twp., 240 acres adj. lands of Jacob Smyser, Michael Greybill, George Hoke, Mathias Smyser and others, subject to bequests. He shall not rent, loan, or sell during my wifes life time.

My daughter Polly Ness may continue to live with her mother as long as they remaine widows.

ITEM: I give to my three sons, Peter; Jacob; Michael, their heirs etc., the plantation in Codorus Twp., 125 acres adj. Joseph Walters, Adam Houser etc.

ITEM: To Elizabeth m—to John Ebert  
To Sarah m—to Daniel Forney  
To Susan m—to John Hay  
To Anna Maria m—to George Ness  
To Peter, Jacob and Michael.

#### RECORDERS OFFICE, YORK, PA.

Book 2C—4—Oct. 6, 1784.

In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth—to Michael Schmyser (Smyser) Esq., of Co. of York:

Reposing especial trust and confidence in your patriotism, prudence, integrity and ability, know that we have assigned you one of the Justices of the County Court of Common Pleas in and for York Co., giving and granting unto you the said Michael Smyser full power and authority, to execute and perform all the several acts and things which any justice of said Court by the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth lawfully can, may or ought to do, both in and out of said Court. To have and to hold the said power and authority for seven years, you behaving yourself well. Given under the hand of Hon. James Ewing Esq., Vice Pres., and seal of the State, at Philadelphia, Oct. 6, 1784.

A true copy compared with the original at York, Dec. 7, 1784.



# Peter Smyser

## 1st Child of Colonel John Michael and Anna Maria

### 1. PETER SMYSER

1761—1832, July 8

Manchester Twp.

m—Barbara Wolf

Sept. 22, 1768—1841, Aug. 20; 70 years on her tombstone

#### *Children 11*

1. Peter Smyser, —1860
2. Michael Smyser, Apr. 14, 1790—1868, Mar. 16
3. Henry Smyser, Sept. 28, 1794—1869, Feb. 16
4. Elizabeth Smyser, Jan. 21, 1797—1864, Nov. 7
5. Sarah (Sabina) Smyser, Feb. 12, 1798—1863, Nov. 17
6. Adam Smyser, Apr. 10, 1801—1888, Oct. 1
7. George Smyser, 1804—1878, Aug. 4
8. Jacob Smyser, twin, 1805—1854, July 14
9. Leah Smyser, twin, 1805—1875, July 8
10. Daniel L. Smyser, Mar. 20, 1807—1862 Mar.
11. John Smyser, Mar. 20, 1807—1871, Mar. 20

Ref.: Book Q—609—1832.

Orphans Court Book S—213—1836. Release Barbara (Wolf) Smyser, widow of Peter Smyser. Book R—308—1842.

Know all men that we heirs of Peter Smyser, Sr., dec., late of East Manchester Twp., York Co., Pa., and his widow Barbara, lately dec., have received 565.47 cts. The heirs living are: Michael; Henry; George; John Brillinger for wife Leah; Peter Lint for wife Elizabeth; George Bear for wife Sally; The children of his son Jacob, dec., are namely: George Smyser, Henry Smyser, Leah Smyser, Cassandra Smyser, Sarah Smyser, Mary Smyser.

The administrators, Adam Smyser and Jacob

Eisenhart, release Peter Lint of estate of said Barbara, widow of Peter Smyser.

### 1. PETER SMYSER (OF PETER 1ST)

Lived Paradise Twp., York Co.

1784—1860

m—1815 Sarah Eisenhart

1786—1866; 80 years

#### *Children 5*

1. Anna Maria Smyser, 1817—1847  
Sp. H. M. Eisenhart
  2. John B. Smyser, Jan. 22, 1819—
  3. Sarah Smyser, Jan. 23, 1825—  
Sp. Catherine Eisenhart
  4. Eleanor Smyser, Apr. 2, 1830—  
m—George Koch
  5. George E. Smyser, coal merchant of York
1. ANNA MARIA SMYSER  
1817—1847  
m—Adam Bott  
Aug. 17, 1811—1848, Aug. 11  
Buried on the Adam Bott farm
  2. JOHN B. SMYSER  
Jan. 22, 1819—1910  
Lived Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa.  
m 1st—Wolf

#### *Children 3*

1. Henry (Harry) Smyser
  2. Sarah Smyser, m—Adam Hoke
  3. Mary H. Smyser, m—Ephraim M. Hugentugler
- m 2nd—May 27, 1845 Isabelle Glatfelter  
1826—1903

#### *Children 5*

1. Zachariah Smyser, m—Annie Frame
2. John Smyser, m—Anna Tripple
3. Clayanna Smyser, m—Adam Bahn
4. Mettie Smyser, June 8, 1854—1877,  
Mar. 22  
On Mettie's tombstone it reads: I have  
found the shores of everlasting rest
5. Maggie Smyser, m—Philip Kline





HON. EPHRAIM S. HUGENTUGLER





2. SARAH SMYSER

Lived W. Manchester Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.  
m—Adam H. Hoke ( —1901, Mar. 17),  
son of Herman and wife Elizabeth Free  
Buried Greenmount Cemetery  
Members Union Lutheran Church

*Children 8*

See page No. 245.

1. Elmira Hoke, m—George E. Ammon
2. Annie Hoke, m—Eli G. Leathery
3. Susan Hoke, m—Harry G. Lightner
4. Emma Elizabeth Hoke, m—Charles Miller
5. John Hoke, m—
6. Harry Smyser Hoke, m—
7. Wm. Herman Hoke, m—
8. Sarah Bella Hoke, m—

Will Book OO—406—Mar. 29, 1901.

Share and share alike—

Executors, all my children.

Made Mar. 15, 1901.

3. MARY A. SMYSER

Lived Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa.  
m—Ephraim M. Hugentugler, son of  
b 1838, merchant

*Children 8*

1. Luther S. Hugentugler
2. Estelle Hugentugler, single
3. Harry S. Hugentugler, dec., York  
m—Laura Strayer

*Children 2*

1. Walter Hugentugler
2. Robert Hugentugler  
Lives Charleston, N. C. m—

*Children 2*

4. Abbie S. Hugentugler
5. Ephraim Smyser Hugentugler
6. Grace Hugentugler
7. Mary (Mame) E. Hugentugler, single
8. Rebecca Hugentugler, died young

1. LUTHER S. HUGENTUGLER

m—Theresa Luckhaupt  
Moved to Columbus, Ohio  
He was a wholesale cigar dealer  
He died at 49 years of age

*Child 1*

1. Theresa Hugentugler

4. ABBIE S. HUGENTUGLER

Lives Davidsburg  
m—1929 George Altland

5. EPHRAIM SMYSER HUGENTUGLER

b Columbia, May 31, 1869

When 10 yrs. old his parents moved to York

He attended the Public Schools of York and, when only 12 years old, started to work for the York Dispatch. He was a willing and capable worker and when opportunity was offered to work in the office of the paper, he was quick to take advantage of it.

He began as an apprentice printer, but soon was one of the most efficient men on the paper's pay roll.

He worked on the Dispatch until 1900, when he was appointed Assistant Postmaster of York. He was always interested in politics, and when in 1915 he was named for Mayor on a non-partisan ticket, his friends rallied to his support and he was elected. In 1919 he was again elected, but this time on the Republican ticket.

In 1923, by sheer force of personality and brilliant campaigning, he was again elected on the Citizens' ticket. Under his administration many reforms were made in the interest of the community, and civic improvements pushed at a rapid rate. Streets were repaired and improved and unexampled sanitary measures were taken.

He is a member of the Lafayette Club and the Nemo Club, Loyal Order of Moose, Order of Eagles, the Owls, the B. P. O. E., and of the Union Lutheran Church.

m—1893 Laura S. Daveler of Lancaster, Pa.  
Lives 664 West King St., York

*Children 2*

1. Charles R. Hugentugler  
Lives Philadelphia  
m—Ina Hoffman of York Haven, Pa.  
1 Child
2. John D. Hugentugler

6. GRACE HUGENTUGLER

m—Mar. 23, 1911 George Edwin Martin

*Children 2*

1. William Smyser Martin, at home
2. Mary Emaline Martin, at home

4. ZACHARIAH SMYSER (OF JOHN B.)

—1882, Sept. 17

Lived Lancaster Co., Pa.

m—Annie Frame

—1927, Dec. 29

She m 2nd—Nixon



5. JOHN SMYSER  
Lived Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa.  
m—Anna Tripple  
He is buried in Shippensburg and his widow  
lives in Harrisburg, Pa.

*Child 1*

1. William Smyser, lives Harrisburg, Pa.
6. CLARA (CLAYANNA) SMYSER  
1846—1916  
Lived Columbia and Marietta, Lancaster Co.,  
Pa.  
Buried there  
m—Adam Bahn (Sept. 26, 1843—1925), of  
Spring Garden Twp., York Co., Pa., son of  
Henry Bahn and wife Maria Gibson  
He was a contractor and builder  
No issue
7. METTIE SMYSER  
1854—1877  
Lived Marietta, Pa.  
m—Harry or Henry Childs
8. MAGGIE SMYSER  
Lives Lancaster Co., Pa.  
m—Philip Kline of Columbia

*Child 1*

1. Belle Kline, lives Augusta, Georgia  
m—Harry Albright  
No issue  
Harry Albright for years was with the  
Woolworth people; at that time lived in  
a suburb of New York City

4. ELEONORA SMYSER (OF PETER 1860)  
1830—  
m—George Koch
5. GEORGE E. SMYSER  
Lived York  
Coal merchant  
m—

*Child 1*

1. Mary J. Smyser  
Lived York  
m—Dec. 26, 1889 Dr. Wilbur C. Bressler  
(b Apr. 30, 1858), son of Dr. Charles  
Huston Bressler  
Dr. Wilbur graduated from the York  
High, then attended the dental depart-  
ment of the University of Maryland,  
1883—84

*Children 4*

1. William Huston Bressler  
m—Grace Flory, daug. of Harry  
Flory

*Child 1*

1. Jean Frederick Bressler
2. Clark Smyser Bressler  
m—Josephine Tinnemyer, daug. of  
Henry of 2029 Maryland Ave.,  
Louisville, Ky.

*Child 1*

1. Clark Smyser Bressler, Jr.  
("Little Doc," from Dr.  
Bressler)
3. Juliette Bressler, died infancy
4. No name, died infancy

## Michael Smyser

### 2nd Child of Peter and Barbara

2. MICHAEL SMYSER  
1790—1868, Mar. 16  
Lived West Manchester Twp., Pa.  
m—1824, Elizabeth Laucks, daug. of Jacob  
and wife Ann Margaret

*Children 7*

1. Zachariah W. Smyser, Mar. 5, 1829—  
1882
2. Daniel L. Smyser
3. William H. Smyser

4. Sarah Ann Smyser, Mar. 6, 1825—1884,  
Mar. 19
5. George Smyser, dec.
6. Ann Margaret Smyser, Nov. 25, 1827—
7. Jacob Smyser

Ref.: 5B—212—1869.

Know all men whereas Michael Smyser  
son of Peter, dec., in his life time, by  
deed joined by this wife, conveyed tracts

of land to his sons Zachariah W. and William H. Smyser.

Book 5B—212—Sept. 16, 1868. Release.

Know all men, whereas Michael Smyser (of Peter), dec., in his lifetime conveyed two certain tracts of land situated in West Manchester Twp. to his two sons, Zachariah W. Smyser and William H. Smyser; and the other tract to his son-in-law George D. Ebert and his son Daniel L. Smyser for consideration therein mentioned, it being understood between the parties to said conveyance that an equal share of the consideration money therein mentioned should be paid after the death of said Michael Smyser (of Peter) the one half to the children of George Smyser and Margaret his wife; the said Margaret being a daughter of said Michael Smyser (of Peter), dec., and her said husband George, also dec., and the other half to India Smyser, minor child of Jacob Smyser, dec., a son of Michael Smyser (of Peter), dec.

The consideration money amounts to \$43,000. India Smyser's guardian, Wm. Frysinger, received \$7,166.66. The children of George Smyser, dec., Albert's guardian, received \$1,791.50. The guardian of William and Elizabeth Smyser received \$3,583. Therefore they release.

Book 3T—262—1845.

Know all men: That we Samuel Johnston and Mary Johnston his wife, said Mary a legatee of Michael Smyser Sr. of W. Manchester Twp., dec., have received from his Executors Daniel, Michael Smyser and Jacob Bott the sum of \$3,467.36. Therefore release.

1. ZACHARIAH WINFIELD SMYSER

Mar. 5, 1829—1882, Aug. 23

Lived York, Water St., now Pershing Ave.

m—Elizabeth Ann Green, daug. of George Green and wife

*Children 5*

1. George Green Smyser
2. Nettie Susan Smyser
3. Horace Laucks Smyser
4. Bertha Elizabeth Smyser
5. Elmer Morse Smyser

3. HORACE LAUCKS SMYSER, dec.  
m—Ella Frey

*Child 1*

1. Philip Smyser  
m—Mary Beck

*Child 1*

1. Philip Smyser

Ref.: 3E—444—1885, May 4.

Orphans Court.

Same Book page 516, also 3F—213—1885. Sold house and lot on Water St., now South Pershing Ave., to his widow Elizabeth Ann Smyser.

2. DANIEL L. SMYSER (OF MICHAEL)

Lived York

—1901 Sept.

m—Sept. 25, 1860 Jane Elizabeth Eichelberger

Mar. 6, 1839—1882, Dec. 4. 43—8—27

*Children 7*

1. William Ellsworth Smyser, 1861—
2. Luther Eichelberger Smyser, 1863—
3. Edward Lincoln Smyser, bachelor, 1865—
4. Harry Clayton Smyser, 1867—
5. Daniel Herbert Smyser, 1869—
6. Jane Elizabeth Smyser, single

1. WILLIAM E. SMYSER

Sept. 8, 1861—1921, Aug.

m—Mary K. Bender

2. LUTHER E. SMYSER

May 2, 1863—1894

m—Cassie Lutman

*Children 2*

1. Fred Smyser  
m—Rae Fahs

*Children 3*

1. Philip Smyser
2. Jane E. Smyser
3. Nancy Smyser
2. Helen Smyser  
m—John Robertson

*Child 1*

1. Jack Robertson

3. EDWARD LINCOLN SMYSER

May 4, 1865—1925, Feb.

Bachelor

Lived York, Pa., many years with brother Harry Clayton Smyser's family and continued until his death in 1925

4. HARRY CLAYTON SMYSER

Mar. 26, 1867—1925 Jan.



Lived 41 Pershing Ave., York

He was the first owner of a News Stand in York. It still is known as the Smyser News Stand

m—Oct. 18, 1905 Mary Elizabeth Conley. Marriage took place in Loyola College, Baltimore, Md.

*Children 4*

1. Mary Jane Smyser, stenographer
2. John Henry Smyser, graduated at 17 yrs. from York High School
3. Sarah Rose Smyser, graduated from York High School in 1931
4. Michael Smyser, pupil York High School

5. DANIEL HERBERT SMYSER

Lives 147A West Market St., York

b Mar. 21, 1869

m—Lillie Landis

No issue

3. WILLIAM H. SMYSER (OF MICHAEL)

Lived Philadelphia

m 1st—Mirah Motter, daug. of Col. Daniel Motter, son of Henry

*Child 1*

1. William Smyser  
m 2nd—Emma Stine, daug. of Fred Stine and wife Celinda Smyser

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## Sarah Ann Smyser

### 4th Child of Michael and Elizabeth

4. SARAH ANN SMYSER

1825—1889, Mar. 19

Lived Spring Garden Twp. and Hellam

m—1849 to George D. Ebert, son of Michael and wife Lydia Diehl. He was born Dec. 24, 1825—

*Children 3*

1. William Winfield Ebert
2. Amanda Ebert
3. Agnes Ebert

1. WILLIAM WINFIELD EBERT

—1926, Aug. 5. 74—8—15

Bachelor

Lived and died in Wrightsville

2. AMANDA EBERT

Lived Hellam Twp., York Co.

m—Henry Stoner

He was killed

*Children 8*

1. Bertha Stoner
2. Cora A. Stoner, single
3. Sarah May Stoner
4. Mary Stoner
5. Edna L. Stoner
6. Blanche E. Stoner
7. George Ebert Stoner
8. Warren Henry Stoner

1. BERTHA STONER

Lived Hellam Twp.

m—May 8, 1890 Samuel Hinkle in Wrightsville

*Children 2*

1. Carrie Hinkle

Lives Wrightsville, R. D. 2

m—Dec. 7, 1912 at Hellam to Charles Leibhart

*Children 2*

1. Bertha Leibhart

2. Richard Leibhart

2. Charles Hinkle

m—Flora Smith

*Children 6*

1. Charles Hinkle

2. Eugene Hinkle

3. Grace Hinkle

4. Samuel Hinkle

5. Margaret Hinkle

6. Mary Hinkle

3. SARAH MAY STONER

Lives Hellam

m 1st—Nov. 12, 1899 at Hellam to Arthur Strickler



DAN SMYSER



WILLIAM SMYSER



JACOB SMYSER



GREAT-GRANDMOTHER SMYSER AND INDIA



JANE SMYSER



HENRY STONER AND WIFE AMANDA SMYSER-STONER





*Child 1*

1. Ethel Strickler

Lives Hellam

m—Apr. 3, 1926 to John Blessing at Wrightsville

m 2nd—Sept. 15, 1926 to James P. Drenning at Wrightsville

No issue in 1931

4. MARY ELMA STONER

Lives Windsor Twp.

m—Nov. 26, 1901 to Edgar Keller at Hellam

*Children 12*

1. Claude Stoner Keller
2. John Henry Keller
3. Helen May Keller
4. Warren Edgar Keller
5. Alvera Elma Keller
6. Margaret Mary Keller
7. Ethel Irene Keller
8. Lillian Romaine Keller
9. Richard William Keller
10. Lois Mildred Keller

Two died infancy

1. CLAUDE STONER KELLER

m—June, 1925 to Vera Dietz in Hellam

*Child 1*

1. Ruth Marie Keller

2. JOHN HENRY KELLER

Lives Windsor Twp., York Co.

m—Dec. 29, 1929 to Jeanette Graham at Yorkshire

*Child 1*

1. Gladys Viola Keller

5. EDNA L. STONER (OF AMANDA EBERT)

To whom I am indebted for her willing assistance in securing much valuable data and photographs

Lives Wrightsville, Pa.

m—Jan. 21, 1906 to Elmer Poff

*Children 3*

1. Janet B. Poff, died at 9 years of age
2. Mildred L. Poff, nurse in Lancaster Hospital
3. Kenneth F. Poff

6. BLANCHE E. STONER

Lives Windsor Twp.

m—Mar. 11, 1911 to Giles Kauffman at Wrightsville

*Children 3*

1. Ebert William Kauffman

2. Geraldine Vivian Kauffman

3. Anna Margaret Kauffman

7. GEORGE EBERT STONER

Lives Hellam Twp.

m—Sept. 27, 1920 to Edna Keller at Lancaster, Pa.

*Children 4*

1. Dorothy Stoner
2. Janet Stoner
3. William Ebert Stoner
4. Julia Ann Stoner

8. WARREN HENRY STONER

Lives Hellam Twp.

m—Apr. 14, 1921 to Esther Keller at Wrightsville, Pa.

*Child 1*

1. Romaine Stoner

3. AGNES EBERT (OF SARAH ANN SMYSER)

b Oct. 9, 1853

Lives Wrightsville, Pa.

m—Nov. 14, 1885 to Capt. John W. Minnich—his second wife

Jan. 16, 1849—1923, Aug. 3

The captain was quite a fine musician; he played the bass violin and cello and small violin in a local and popular orchestra in the town. He dealt in furniture and was also in the undertaking business

(His widow lives in the same home they moved into when married—with her step-daughter, Mrs. Smith. It is a lovely home—on the left side of the street going towards the River. I had several delightful calls at the home.—A. L. X.)

GEORGE D. EBERT

In 1850, he moved to Hellam Twp., on a farm of 185 acres, which was his residence until his death.

He held every twp. office, and in 1880 represented the County in the State Convention. As guardian and administrator he was very successful.

He was one of the organizers of the Wrightsville Hardware Co., and of the First National Bank, of which he was director. In 1867 he spent 3 months travelling in Europe. His travelling companions were John Behler, Jacob Hoover, and Samuel Small.

His father, Michael Ebert, was in the war of 1812—1814, and held a commission of colonel.

The family are members of the Lutheran Church from which some of this record was obtained.

George D. Ebert to his wife

Frankfort on the Rhine  
Sunday, June 9, 1867

Dear Wife and Children:—

We left Paris last Wednesday and arrived here all in good health. We went from Paris to Brussels, then to Cologne. Here we took the steamboat up the Rhine to Frankfort, 128 miles. We also stopped at Mentz and Weisbaden and many other towns along the Rhine. We passed through Belgium. We saw the King of Belgium. We are now in the Kingdom of Prussia. The trip up the Rhine is the most interesting I saw yet.

The mountains on each side of the Rhine (river) are very high and look so green; we passed more than 20 ruined castles high on the tops of these mountains. They are all planted with grapes, the only thing that grows on them.

When we were in Belgium we visited the Battle Ground of Waterloo, where the last battle of Napoleon was fought, about 12 miles from Brussels.

We have no trouble in getting along as regards Hotels but the many different kinds of money bother us very much. Every Kingdom you come to you must have different coin.

The weather here now is pleasant, to-

morrow we leave here for Baden-Baden, then Strausburg, then to Switzerland.

That will be the end of our journey. I will let you know that we engaged our passage before we left Paris for home. We will return home on the steamship China by way of Boston. We leave Liverpool on the 20th of July and if nothing happens we will be home by the 1st of August.

We attended the Lutheran Church in the morning; a great many of the members took Sacrament.

I got acquainted with two brothers by the name of Philip Ebert and Christopher Ebert. Philip is a wine merchant and we drank a bottle of his best wine together; he told me that he heard his parents say that they had friends in America, that their parents are both dead. There are a half dozen of families of Eberts over on the other side of the Rhine in a little town by the name of Weisbaden, about 3 miles from Frankfort. I actually believe that the Eberts in America are descendants of these families, but I had no time to visit them.

I hope you have received some of my letters and that you are satisfied about me, as I think we will all return in good health. The Hotel we stop at goes by the name of Hollenisher Hof (Holland Hotel). I will write to you again when we get to Switzerland. I think by the time this letter reaches you, Fred will be done making hay.

I will close my letter hoping these few lines may find you all well

Your husband

George D. Ebert.

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## George Smyser

### 5th Child of Michael and Elizabeth

#### 5. GEORGE SMYSER

1822—1864, July 25

Lived Manchester Twp.

m—Anna Margaret

#### Children 4

1. Annie Smyser
2. Albert Smyser, minor in 1869
3. William Smyser, minor in 1869
4. Elizabeth Smyser, minor in 1869



Orphans Court, York, Pa.

Book 2I—139—

Petition of Albert Smyser, minor son of George Smyser and Ann Margaret of West Manchester, dec. grandson of Michael Smyser, Sr., of W. Manchester Twp., dec., over 14 yrs., his guardian Alexander Smyser. Annie Smyser, daug. of Geo. and Margaret over 14 and granddaug. of Michael Smyser, George D. Ebert guard.

Book 2I—161.

India Smyser, daug. of Jacob, late of W. Manchester Twp., dec., a granddaug. of Michael, Sr., dec., under 14 yrs., her mother Rebecca asks to appoint William Frysinger her guardian.

Book 2I—197—1868.

Martin Ebert and Michael Smyser discharged as administrators of Geo. Smyser.

Book 2I—499—Nov. 14, 1868.

Petition of heirs of Michael Smyser, Sr., of W. Manchester Twp., dec., died intestate. Left widow Elizabeth and issue. 4 children living: Zachariah W. Smyser; Daniel L.; William H.; and Sarah Ellen (intermarried to George D. Ebert); and following grandchildren, minors of his son George Smyser, dec., namely Annie Smyser; Albert Smyser; William and Elizabeth Smyser; Margaret Ann, dec., daug. of Michael; India Smyser, daug. of Jacob Smyser, dec.

6. ANNA MARGARET SMYSER

Nov. 25, 1827—

7. JACOB SMYSER

Lived West Manchester Twp.

m—Rebecca DEWICK

Child 1

1. Indiana (India) Smyser

Her guardian held in trust for her over \$7,000, a goodly sum at that time. Her mother asked for the interest to educate and support her daughter

I was informed in 1930 that India was living in Los Angeles

m—Maxwell

Child 1

1. Goldie Maxwell

Release, York, Pa.

Book 9Y—698—1890.

Whereas Jacob Smyser, dec., and whereas his daug. India E. Smyser now married to Walter H. Groom, of Stockton, Calif., being only heir of Jacob Smyser, etc., etc., received \$349.33.

San Joaquin County, Calif., July 28th.

At the time Jacob Smyser enlisted in the Civil War, he and his wife were not living together.

The very last word ever received from him by his family was the fact that he was taken prisoner and confined in "Libby Prison."

Jacob Smyser to his sister Sarah Ann, m—to George D. Ebert, Virginia:

Oct. 5, 1863

Camp near the Rappahannock River

Dear Brother and Sister:

I was very sorry indeed, that I could not get down to see you before I left, but it was so unexpected that it was impossible. When I left home for Carlisle, I had expected to get back again for a few days and then I was coming down, instead of that I had to put on the harness, and go for a soldier.

And now I thought it my duty to inform you that I am well and in good spirits and hope this will find you all in the same condition.

I must tell you that I have seen a great deal through Virginia for the short time I am gone, for we have been marching nearly all the time; we have not laid over three or four days at one camp since I am with the Regiment. The saying is "old Virginia never tired," but I think it is tired out pretty well, perfectly ruined.

You can travel for miles and you can't see any fences or houses. Sometimes you come to an old shanty where a few niggers are living and often places where they have all cleared out; whenever we camp at such a place you ought to see the boys rush for boards and stuff to put up their tents, they don't stop until the building is down to the ground.

You often come across places where there were men living that owned a couple thousand acres of land and now every thing ruined and they are in the rebel army. I would not live here for the best farm I have seen yet. The Johnnies keep following us up pretty close, they are on one side of the river and we on the other in good shelling distance, but we don't want to fight them here, their force is too strong for us I believe, we merely keep in sight to draw their attention from other places; we have plenty to eat



such as hard tack bread, potatoes, meat, beans, dried apples, sugar and coffee and then you can buy most anything of the settlers by paying four prices for it, butter one and a half dollars a pound, eggs fifty cts. a dozen, condensed milk fifty cents for a small can, peaches one dollar a can, chicken 75 cts. a can, oysters one dollar a can, cigars five and ten cents a piece, tobacco one dollar and 50 cts. a lb., so if a man wants to have all this he must have plenty of green backs.

I saw two men shot for desertion since I am in the army. One was out of our division, he was shot on last Friday a week and the other one on Friday. This looks hard to see a man stand by the side of his grave and

coffin and have the eyes tied up and twelve men to shoot at him. When the word fire is given they fall right back over their coffin. I must now bring my letter to a close, hope you will receive this and answer me if you please and I shall write to you occasionally and let you know how I am getting along and how old Virginia soil agrees with me, so no more at present

But remain yours  
Jacob Smyser

Direct your letters  
Comp. C, 143 reg., P. V.  
1 army Corps, L. Brigade  
3 Division, Washington, D. C.  
care Col. Dana.

## Henry Smyser

### 3rd Child of Peter and Barbara

#### 3. HENRY SMYSER

Sept. 28, 1794—1869, Feb. 16  
Lived Spring Garden Twp., York Co.

Book X—443—1869. His Will. Prob. Feb. 20.  
Now of S. G. Twp., etc., etc.

ITEM: I will to my two nephews Albert Smyser and Jacob Herman Smyser sons of my deceased brother Daniel Smyser land he bought from his brother George's assignees—the two nephews to pay other children—Their sisters Emma Jane Smyser \$1000—Sarah Ellen Smyser \$1000—Amanda M. Smyser, wife of Amos Green Trone, \$1000, and an additional \$1000 to Amanda Trone 4 yrs. after my decease. \$1000 5 yrs. after my dec. to Sarah Ellen Smyser. \$1000 6 yrs. after my dec. to Emma Jane Smyser. When the \$6000 are paid the plantation is theirs.

Ex. Albert Smyser

#### 4. ELIZABETH SMYSER

Jan. 21, 1797—1864, Nov. 7  
Lived York Co.

m—Peter Lint

June 11, 1795—1872, June 15. 77—5—4

#### *Children 3*

1. Peter Lint, Sept. 4, 1826—1888, May 9

2. Henry Lint, July 20, 1829—

W. Manchester Twp., moved to York  
1840

3. Died infancy

#### 1. PETER LINT

1826—1888

Lived York Co.

m—1852 Leah Eyster

Mar. 16, 1829—1864, Apr. 16

On her tombstone in Prospect Hill Cemetery it gives her birth date the same—but her death date as 1861, and her age as 35 yrs. 1 mo.; so my record of her death is correct. She was daug. of George and wife Christine of Paradise Twp.

#### *Children 5*

1. Peter Franklin Lint

2. George Edward Lint

3. Christopher C. Lint, called C. C.

4. Jennie E. Lint, single

Lives in York with her sister

5. Annie Lint, 327 West Market St., York  
Single

From whom I received assistance on  
the Lint line

1. PETER FRANKLIN LINT

Moved to California many, many years ago.  
Lives Los Gatos, Santa Clara Co., Calif.  
m—Bertha  
—1927

*Children 4*

1. Jennie Leah Lint

Lives Honolulu, T. H.

m—191— Robert C. McLean, son of

*Children 2*

1. Charlotte McLean

m—July 10, 1926 Douglas A. Cook,  
son of

After their marriage they spent  
two years abroad, then moved to  
Palo Alto, Calif., where he is taking  
a special course in

A clipping about their marriage  
reads:

“In a lovely out door setting last  
evening, Dr. Philip Allen Swartz  
read the marriage service for Miss  
Charlotte McLean and Douglas A.  
Cook. Those asked to witness the  
simple ceremony included relatives  
and very close friends.

“In the Court of the McLean  
home on Hibiscus Drive an arch of  
green was banked with ferns as a  
background for the wedding party.  
At either side of the arch were cas-  
cades of white jasmine and gar-  
denias. A string quartette with harp  
played the wedding march.

“The bride had only two atten-  
dants, Miss Dora Cook and Miss  
Mary Alexander. Henry Cook,  
brother of the groom, was his  
best man.”

2. Robert McLean

2. Alma Lint

Lives San Francisco, Calif.

m—1912 to Harry L. Groves (or Graves),  
purchasing agent for Portland Cement Co.

*Children 2*

1. Barbara Groves (or Graves)

2. Lowell Groves (or Graves)

3. Peter H. Lint

Lives San Jose, Calif.

m—Mar. 5, 1909 Frances Galpin, San  
Francisco, Calif.

*Children 3*

1.

2.

3.

4. Walter E. Lint

Lives Los Gatos, Calif.

m—19— Carrie Crisman

*Children 2*

1.

2.

2. GEORGE EDWARD LINT

Lives Santa Cruz, Calif.

Bachelor

3. CHRISTOPHER C. LINT, CALLED C. C.

Lives Los Gatos, Calif.

m—Emma Reese

No issue

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## Sarah Smyser

### 5th Child of Peter and Barbara

5. SARAH SMYSER (OF PETER 1ST)

1798-1863, Nov. 17

Lived York Valley or Spring Garden Twp.

m—May 22, 1828 George Bare (Bear, Baer,  
the last the present spelling)

While on an errand of mercy to the County  
Home, he contracted a disease from which he  
died May 12, 1855, aged 51 yrs., 2 mos.

He is buried in the Strickler Graveyard on  
the Wrightsville pike (now Lincoln Highway),  
East of York.

His widow thereafter made her home with  
her daughter Louisa. She died Nov. 17, 1863,  
aged 65 yrs., 5 mos.; she is buried in the  
private cemetery on the Good homestead in  
Manchester Twp.



The name being variously spelled made it difficult for Mr. Arthur Good Hake to trace his direct line.

*Children 3*

1. Emanuel Baer
2. Louisa Ann Baer
3. Elijah Baer

1. EMANUEL BAER

July 3, 1831—1903, Oct. 4. 72—3—1

Buried Prospect Hill Cemetery

m—Sarah Amanda Diehl

Mar. 23, 1834—1916, Jan. 20. 82—2—27

*Children 3*

1. Jacob S. Baer  
m—Annie J. King  
—1930, June 6, daug. of John King

*Children 2*

1. Fannie Baer, twin, dec.
2. Carrie Baer, twin  
Lives 625 Chestnut St., York  
m—Charles E. Bowers

*Children 7*

1. Albert J. Bowers, York  
m—Mae Gutrich
  2. Eugene Bowers, York  
m—Margaret Miller  
1 *Child*, Ruth Bowers
  3. Anna Susan Bowers, at home
  4. Catherine V. Bowers  
Lives State College, Pa.  
m—David H. Rank
  5. Mildred Rebecca Bowers, at home
  6. Mary Elizabeth Bowers, at home
  7. Louisa Leah Bowers, at home
2. Samuel Baer, b July 30, 1867, West York  
m—Sarah Zeigler  
b Apr. 6, 1871

*Children 7*

1. Annie Baer, b May 27, 1890  
Lives Emigsville, Pa.  
m—1909 Charles Green  
No issue
2. George H. Baer, b July 16, 1893  
Lives Thomasville, York Co.  
m—1911 Bertha Seidenstricker

*Child 1*

1. Charles Baer
3. Vertie Irene Baer, 1895—1900
4. Elsie Florence Baer, b Mar. 28, 1897  
Lives West York

m—Apr. 1913 Roy H. Smith

*Children 2*

1. Alfreda Smith
- 2.

5. Della Susan Baer, b Mar. 30, 1901  
m—Feb. 21, 1916 Royce Searl Sipe

6. Verna Romaine Baer, b July 1, 1903  
m—Mar. 5, 1921 Chester Dillon  
Mickey

3. William A. Baer, employee Hershey  
Chocolate Co.

Lives Union Deposit, near Hershey, Pa.  
m—Mar. 17, 1906 Sadie Dehoff of York  
Twp., York Co., daug. Milton Dehoff  
and wife Eliza Smith

*Child 1*

1. Wayne Baer  
Employee of a box factory; also  
a student of art  
He is a fine specimen of early  
manhood

2. LOUISA ANN BAER

Oct. 12, 1833—1864, Mar. 2. 30—4—20

Lived Manchester Twp., York Co.

m—Sept. 16, 1852 Elias Good

Nov. 8, 1828—1910, May 14. 81—6—6

Son of Rudolph and wife Elizabeth Engel of  
Manchester Twp.

Ref.: His Will. Book WW, page 383, May 20.

*Children 3*

1. Adeline Good
2. Amanda Good
3. Anna Engle Good

Elias Good married a second time Susan  
Mosser-Vanhoff

Oct. 10, 1825—1894, Feb. 11. 68—5—1

No issue

Buried Union Cemetery, Manchester

1. ADELINE GOOD

Feb. 17, 1854—

Lived Manchester Twp. on the Harrisburg  
Road

m—Dec. 12, 1872 J. Albert Hake, florist

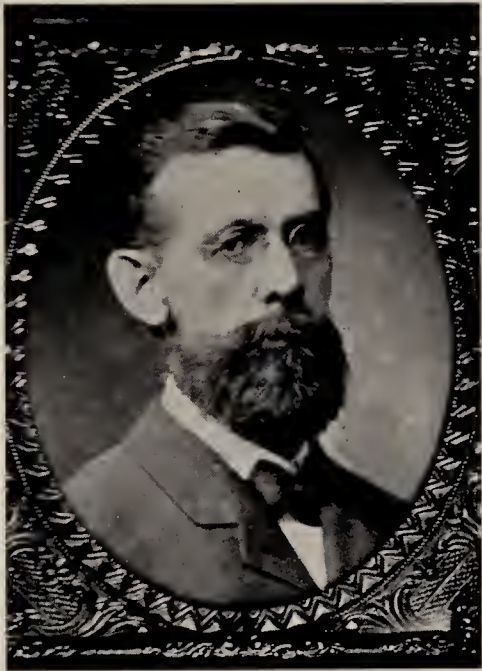
Apr. 24, 1851—1919, Nov. 15

Son of Daniel and wife Anna Mary Boose

*Children 9*

1. Carrie Hake, May 16, 1873—
2. Estelle Hake, Feb. 3, 1877—
3. Nora Hake, Sept. 27, 1880—
4. Lulu Hake, Aug. 14, 1883—
5. Elias Good Hake, Nov. 23, 1884—

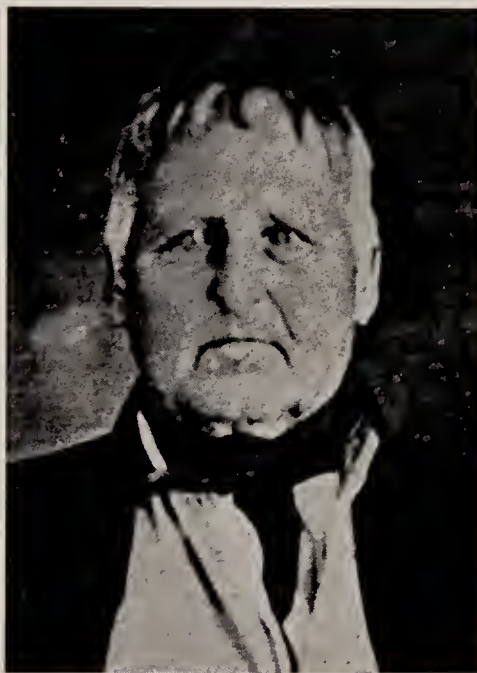




MR. J. ALBERT HAKE



MRS. J. ALBERT HAKE  
Descendant of Col. Michael—She was Adeline Good



JACOB SMYSER  
(B. Aug. 15, 1776; D. Feb. 11, 1885)  
(of Mathias and Louisa [Slagle] Smyser)



6. Albertus Hake, Nov. 1, 1886—1887
  7. Clarence G. Hake, July 24, 1888—
  8. Charles G. Hake, Apr. 8, 1890—
  9. Wilmer G. Hake, Feb. 28, 1893—
1. CARRIE HAKE  
b May 16, 1873—  
Lives York  
m—Alvin Eisenhart, cigar maker, dec.  
*Children 10*
    1. Carlos Eisenhart
    2. Anna Eisenhart  
m—William Daebler  
*Children 2*
      1. William Daebler
      2. Charles Daebler
    3. Charles Eisenhart
    4. Margaret Eisenhart
    5. Robert Eisenhart
    6. Stella Eisenhart
    7. Sarah Eisenhart, dec.
    8. Herbert Eisenhart
    9. Philip Eisenhart
    10. David Eisenhart
  2. ESTELLE HAKE  
b Feb. 3, 1877  
333 East Princess St., York  
She is a dealer in antiques  
m—Dec. 26, 1908 Marshall Berkstresser  
No issue  
Of great assistance in her own line and the use  
of her automobile.
  3. NORA HAKE  
Sept. 27, 1880—1931, Apr. 28  
Lives York  
m—Norman Landis  
*Children 4*
    1. Charles Good Landis
    2. Theodore Norman Landis
    3. Esther Landis
    4. Luther Hake Landis
  1. CHARLES GOOD LANDIS  
m—Margaret Hatterer
  2. THEODORE NORMAN LANDIS  
m—Ernie Jones  
*Child 1*
    1. Norman Landis
  3. ESTHER LANDIS  
m—William Smith  
*Child 1*
    1. Evylin Smith

4. LOUISE (LULU) HAKE (OF ADELINE GOOD)  
Aug. 14, 1883—  
Lives in York  
m—Peter Burgard  
*Children 3*
  1. Richard Burgard
  2. Peter Albert Burgard
  3. Horace Hake Burgard
5. ELIAS G. HAKE, b Nov. 23, 1884—  
Lives Bethlehem, Pa.  
Toolmaker  
m—Crissie Hauer  
*Children 3*
  1. Mary Adaline Hake
  2. Grace Elizabeth Hake
  3. Josephine Albertine Hake
6. ALBERTUS HAKE, Nov. 1, 1886—  
Died infancy
7. CLARENCE G. HAKE, July 24, 1888—  
Lives York  
m—Clara Poff  
*Children 3*
  1. Nevin Hake
  2. Louise Hake
  3. Geraldine Hake
8. CHARLES G. HAKE, Apr. 8, 1890—  
Lived York, Decatur, Ill., again in York  
Toolmaker  
m—June 26, 1914 Edith Quickel, daug. of  
Charles L. and wife Elizabeth Kauffman  
She died June 5, 1928 in Ill.; brought back for  
burial in Greenmount Cemetery  
*Child 1*
  1. Albert Hake, b Aug. 20, 1918
9. WILMER G. HAKE, Feb. 28, 1893—  
Lives Bethlehem, Pa.  
He is in the radio business  
m—Helen Drausch
2. AMANDA GOOD (OF LOUISA ANN BAER)  
Lived Fairview Twp.  
Died Dec. 13, 1878, in childbirth  
(On her tombstone in Union Cemetery, Man-  
chester) b Dec. 13, 1857  
m—Andrew Hake, son of Andrew
3. ANNA ENGLE GOOD  
Oct. 3, 1859—  
Lived Dover, R. F. D. 4  
m—1878 Augustus G. Hake, son of Harry and  
wife Catherine Good



*Children 7*

1. Arthur Good Hake, b Dec. 28, 1879  
Lives 503 Walnut St., York  
m—Dec. 29, 1904 Annie Jane Grim  
(b Jan. 20, 1883), daug. of Henry L. Grim  
and wife Leah Jane Quickel

*Children 5*

1. Harold Edgar Hake, b Nov. 3, 1905
  2. Ralph Eugene Hake, b July 3, 1907
  3. Carl Arthur Hake, b Mar. 23, 1909
  4. Theodore Russell Hake, b Feb. 4, 1912
  5. Ruth Anna Hake, b Apr. 10, 1915
2. Edna Hake, Aug. 29, 1881—1919, May 20
  3. Susie Hake, b July 21, 1885  
Lives Dover, R. F. D. 4  
m—Latimer Rudisill

*Child 1*

1. Dorcas Arlene, dec.
4. Katie Hake, Aug. 19, 1888—  
Lived York  
m—June 6, 1914 John Metzel

*Children 5*

1. Louise Metzel
  2. Addison Metzel
  3. Charlotte Metzel
  4. Donald Metzel
  5. Gordon Metzel
5. Harry G. Hake, Feb. 24, 1890—  
Lived York  
Member American Legion  
Served in the World War, Medical Department, 31st Railway Engineers, 14th Division American Expeditionary Forces
  6. Bertha Hake, b Apr. 13, 1893  
m—John Elfner

*Children 5*

1. Herbert Elfner, dec.
  2. Kermit Elfner
  3. Helen Elfner
  4. John Elfner
  5. Julia Elfner
7. Frank G. Hake, b Mar. 24, 1894  
Lives 217 N. Hartman St., York  
m—May Albright, daug. John Albright  
and wife Ella Allison  
He is employed Motive Department,  
Penna. R. R.

*Children 4*

1. Mildred Hake
2. Dorothy Hake

3. Chirly Hake
4. Margretta Virginia Hake

3. ELIJAH BAER (OF SARAH SMYSER)  
Mar. 1, 1836—1921, Feb. 22. 84—11—21  
Lived Mt. Wolf, Pa.  
m 1st—Annie Fencil  
Oct. 1, 1839—1869, Jan. 26  
m 2nd—Sallie  
Jan. 2, 1844—1915, Sept. 14. 71—8—12

*Children 3*

1. Sarah Eliza Baer
  2. George Baer
  3. Flora Baer
1. SARAH ELIZA BAER  
Aug. 16, 1860—  
Lived Spring Garden Twp. and Mt. Wolf  
m—Feb. 8, 1880 William Henry Wallace Bahn  
(Mar. 30, 1860—1902, Mar. 28), son of  
Samuel Bahn and wife Susan Tyson  
He was gardener for Latimer Small at Grantly  
Station many years; all their children were  
born there except the oldest  
He died on Good Friday of heart disease

*Children 12*

1. Daniel Luther Bahn, b Nov. 21, 1880
  2. Harry Elijah Bahn, b Nov. 4, 1882
  3. George Samuel Bahn, b Dec. 23, 1883
  4. Arthur Wallace Bahn, b June 8, 1885
  5. Leon Lester Bahn, b July 24, 1887
  6. Daisy May Bahn, b Jan. 21, 1889
  7. Mary Susan Bahn, 1890—1892
  8. Anna Kate Bahn, b Nov. 30, 1891
  9. Flora Ellen Bahn, b May 22, 1893
  10. Clarence Small Bahn, b June 21, 1895
  11. Robert Henry Bahn, 1899—1899
  12. Philip Eugene Bahn, b Nov. 8, 1900
1. DANIEL LUTHER BAHN  
Lives York  
m—Carry Blasser

*Children 2*

1. Hellen Bahn, m—William Seiker

*Child 1*

1. Philis Seiker
2. Esther Bahn, m—Frank Schaffer

*Children 2*

1. Virginia Schaffer
  - 2.
2. HARRY ELIJAH BAHN  
m—Rosa Rohrbaugh

*Children 4*

1. Dorothy Bahn, lived in York  
m—1930 Frederick Smyser of Roundtown
2. Catherine Bahn, m—Chester Deardorf

*Child 1*

1. Bobbie Deardorf
3. Paul Bahn
4. Ruth Bahn
3. GEORGE SAMUEL BAHN  
m—Edna Hibner

*Children 3*

1. Herbert Bahn
2. Cora Bahn
3. Richard Bahn
4. ARTHUR WALLACE BAHN  
m—Ruth Adams  
No issue
5. LEON LESTER BAHN  
m—Gertie

*Children 2*

1. William Bahn
2. Edith Bahn
6. DAISY MAY BAHN  
m—Edward Shelley  
Live in N. York

*Children 8*

1. Esther Shelley, m—James Barton

*Children 2*

1. James Barton
2. Donald Eugene Barton
2. Edward Shelley, m—Edna Linebaugh

*Child 1*

1. Doris Shelley
3. Harry Shelley
4. Anna Shelley
5. Philip Shelley

6. Eleanor Shelley
7. Robert Shelley
8. Norma Shelley

7. MARY SUSAN BAHN  
1890—1892

8. ANNA KATE BAHN  
m—George Wolf  
Live Mt. Wolf

*Child 1*

1. George H. Wolf
9. FLORA ELLEN BAHN  
m—Nevin Bunstine

*Children 3*

1. Louise Bunstine
2. Flora Bunstine
3. Anna Marie Bunstine
10. CLARENCE SMALL BAHN  
m—Mary (Mamie) Sipe, York

*Children 2*

- 1.
- 2.
11. ROBERT HENRY BAHN  
1899—1899
12. PHILIP E. BAHN  
m—Georgiana Armstrong  
No issue

2. GEORGE BAER (OF ELIJAH BAER)  
Lives Mt. Wolf  
m—Annie Myers

*Child 1*

1. Elsie Baer  
Lives Mt. Wolf  
m—Samuel Diehl
3. FLORA BAER  
m—Strathmeyer

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## Adam Smyser

### 6th Child of Peter and Barbara

6. ADAM SMYSER  
Apr. 10, 1801—1888, Oct. 1  
Lived W. Manchester Twp.  
m—June 3, 1930 Eliza Brillinger of Man-  
chester Twp. by Rev. Smucker  
Taken from 100 years ago, June 8, 1930

She was b Jan. 17, 1810, and died Oct. 14, 1886

*Children 9*

1. Jacob W. Smyser
2. John Milton Smyser
3. Caroline Smyser, single
4. Ellen Smyser, single



5. Sarah Smyser, single
6. Mary A. Smyser
7. Isabella Smyser
8. Amanda J. Smyser
9. Franklin Smyser, 1843—1853

1. JACOB W. SMYSER

Oct. 18, 1852—1878, Nov. 21

Buried Prospect Hill

Lived West Manchester Twp.

m—Mar. 24, 1874 Sarah Wolf, daug. of Peter and wife Sarah Eyster

*Children 2*

1. Edward A. Smyser

Lives York

m—Katie M. Rebman, daug. of Jacob and second wife Susan Glatfelter who are buried Greenmount Cemetery

*Children 2*

1. Anna Pauline Smyser

2. Edward R. Smyser

2. William H. Smyser

Lives 600 West Phila. St., York

m 1st—Julia A. Spangler

No issue

m 2nd—Feb. 12, 1927 Verna McFatridge, daug. of William

Sarah Wolf Smyser m 2nd—to Senft

Buried Greenmount Cemetery

2. JOHN MILTON SMYSER

Lived York Co.

Moved to Kansas

He was in the flour and feed business and was accidentally killed by a train

m 1st—Mary E. Stauffer, daug. of Abraham and wife Anna Maria Spangler

Ref.: Spangler Annals, page 78

No issue

m 2nd—Jeanette Zinn

*Child 1*

1. Mabel E. Smyser

3. CAROLINE SMYSER

—1914, Nov. 8

Lived York

Single

Will Book 3B—299—1914.

4. ELLEN SMYSER

—1917, Dec. 15

York

Single

Will Book 3G—157—1918. Prob. Jan. 19.

5. SARAH B. SMYSER

1841—1921, June 25

York

Single

Will Book 3H—654—1921. Prob. July 5.

6. MARY A. SMYSER

Nov. 19, 1833—1919, Jan. 29

York

m—Franklin Loucks, son of Peter and wife Maria Eichelberger

Sept. 23, 1834—1900, Jan. 1

He was school director of the City of York many years. Elected its treasurer, the first one to serve free of charge.

For a number of years he was a farmer; later moved to York.

He became a member of the firm of Fahs, Smith & Co., dealers in grain, flour, feed and coal.

He was a director and charter member of the Drovers and Mechanics National Bank.

After the dissolution of the partnership, Franklin Loucks started the grain, flour and feed business at the corner of Phila. St. and Roosevelt Ave., York, which he continued until his death in 1900.

*Children 5*

1. Anna M. Loucks, b May 14, 1859

2. Sallie Smyser Loucks, b Oct. 30, 1865

3. William Franklin Loucks, b Sept. 30, 1867

4. Charles Augustus Loucks, Mar. 4, 1860—1861, Apr. 13

5. Elizabeth Jane Loucks, Apr. 6, 1863—1864, Feb. 16

1. ANNIE (ANNA) M. LOUCKS

Lives 450 West Phila. St., York

m—July 14, 1878 James L. Menough, building contractor

Sept. 11, 1852—

He was a member of School Board 16 years President Greenmount Cemetery about 10 years prior to his death. Active member St. Mathew's Lutheran Church

*Child 1*

1. Luther D. Menough, b Mar. 17, 1879

m—June 3, 1920 in Washington, D. C., to Mrs. Violet (Lewis) Evans, widow of



George, daug. of Clayton Lewis and his wife Ellen Smyser

Live 450 West Phila. St., York

2. SALLIE SMYSER LOUCKS

Lives 924 West Market St., York

m—May 15, 1888 William S. Bond, b May 9, 1863

*Children 4*

1. Walter L. Bond
2. Urban S. Bond
3. Mary Julia Bond
4. Anna Elizabeth Bond

1. WALTER L. BOND

Lives 719 Madison Ave., York

m—July 27, 1912 Ethel B. Bossart

*Child 1*

1. William Bond

2. URBAN S. BOND

Lives 424 Linden Ave., York

m—Sept. 11, 1919 Dorcas Wasbers, daug. ex-State Senator Harry Wasbers  
No issue

3. MARY JULIA BOND

m—Nov. 24, 1920 Herbert M. Rehmeier  
No issue

4. ANNA E. BOND

m—May 28, 1921 Dr. Walter A. Pennington

*Children 2*

1. Philip Pennington
2. Donald Pennington

3. WILLIAM FRANKLIN LOUCKS (OF MARY A. SMYSER)

Lives 548 Madison Ave., York

Feed, grain and flour merchant

b July 23, 1871

m—Margaret Alice Thompson

*Children 2*

1. Margaret Loucks, b July 19, 1902
2. Mary Elizabeth Loucks, June 22, 1907—1908, Apr. 5

Book 8Q—406—1890.

Mary Loucks to Franklin Loucks:

Know all men: that we Mary Loucks; Amanda J. Smyser; Isabelle L. Kauffman; Sallie Smyser; Caroline Smyser; and Ellen Smyser, daughters of Adam Smyser late of York, dec.; Martin L. Weigle, guardian of Mabel E. Smyser, a minor daughter of John

Milton Smyser, a dec. son of said Adam Smyser, dec.

Franklin Loucks guardian of Edward A. and William H. Smyser, minor sons of Jacob W. Smyser, a dec. son of said Adam Smyser, dec.; each of us received from Administrator Franklin Loucks the following sums of money:

I Mary Loucks; Amanda J. Smyser; Isabelle L. Kauffman; Sallie Smyser; Caroline Smyser; Ellen Smyser, each received \$10,269.45. Martin Weigle, guardian of Mabel E. Smyser, received \$7,169.45 and Franklin Loucks, guardian of Wm. H. Smyser and Edward A. Smyser, each \$5,384.72, making in all \$81,055.64+56.80 release.

7. ISABELLA SMYSER (OF ADAM)

Lives 504 West King St., York

m—Ephraim Kauffman, —1898 Apr.

*Children 3*

1. Adam Kauffman
2. Henry Kauffman
3. Charlotte Kauffman

8. AMANDA J. SMYSER

Lived York Co. and 418 W. Market St., York  
m—Dec. 24, 1870 Jacob Mathias Smyser, son of David and Rebecca Eyster

See Mathias 1st, and 2nd line of Smysers

1845—1911, Aug. 31. 66—5—13

*Children 9*

1. Nettie E. Smyser, 1871—1893, Mar. 15
2. Annie Rebecca Smyser
3. David Howard Smyser
4. Mathias Smyser
5. Mary Elizabeth Smyser, m—Ebert
6. Adam M. Smyser
7. Lucy E. Smyser, single
8. Jacob M. Smyser, Jr., 150 S. George St., York
9. William A. Smyser  
Mar. 10, 1886—1886, Nov. 25

2. ANNIE REBECCA SMYSER

Lives Roosevelt Ave., York

m—July 1896 Fred W. Brunhouse

*Children 4*

1. Mary Elizabeth Brunhouse  
Lives York  
m—May 11, 1911 Maurice B. Smyser, son of Andrew

*Children 2*

1. William Smyser
2. Elizabeth (Betty) Smyser

2. Jacob Smyser Brunhouse  
Lived York, now in San Francisco, Calif.  
m—1924 Lucile Mullins of Columbus,  
Georgia  
He is connected with the Western  
Electric Co. Went to California after the  
Florida boom collapsed

3. Anna Rebecca Brunhouse  
m—John Larson from Austin, Pa.  
Live Drexel Hill, a suburb of Philadel-  
phia

*Children 2*

1. Fred Larson
2. James Larson

4. Amanda Louise Brunhouse  
Lives at home  
Graduated 1929 Hood College, Fred-  
erick, Md.

3. DAVID HOWARD SMYSER  
Lived York, Philadelphia, Pa., and Dallas,  
Texas  
m—Catherine Coulson of Philadelphia

*Children 2*

1. Marian Lucy Smyser
2. David Howard Smyser, Jr.

4. MATHIAS SMYSER  
Lives 563 Madison Ave., York  
m—June 9, 1920 Clara Gable, daug. of J. Frank  
and wife Virginia Clopper

*Child 1*

1. Virginia Gable Smyser  
Member of the Children of the American  
Revolution, York

5. MARY E. SMYSER  
Lived York, Pa., and Wilmington, Del.  
m—William Ebert, son of Albert and wife  
Clara Loucks of Jacob

*Children 4*

1. Michael Ebert, graduated class of 1929  
from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Won a 4-yr. scholarship at Johns Hop-  
kins, work in chemistry
  2. David Ebert, senior at Lehigh, class of  
1932
  3. Helen Ebert, graduated Wilmington  
High, 1930
  4. Virginia Ebert, graduates Wilmington  
High, class of 1932
6. ADAM M. SMYSER  
Realtor  
Lives 495 Linden Ave., York  
m—Nov. 22, 1909 Miriam Stine, daug. of  
Valentine and Serena Shenberger

*Children 6*

1. Serena Stine Smyser  
Graduated Goucher College, Baltimore,  
Md., 1931  
At home
2. Isabella Smyser, graduated York High,  
1929
3. Ruth Stine Smyser, graduated York  
High, Jan. 1931
4. Adam Albert Smyser
5. David Richard Smyser
6. Alice Jane Smyser

## George Smyser

### 7th Child of Peter and Barbara

7. GEORGE SMYSER  
1804—1878, Aug. 4  
Lived Manchester Twp.  
m—Susanna Brillinger  
Nov. 8, 1812—1877, Nov. 12, daug. of

*Children 9 (3 sons, 6 daug.)*

1. Edward Smyser, Dec. 1837—  
At 20 yrs. of age he was farming for him-  
self. 1860 to 1878 in the lime business.  
In 1878 in York in lumber business; also  
in Lancaster and in Baltimore Co., Md.

In 1882 moved about 1 mile north of  
York

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Ref.: Will Book AA—115—1877.



Will Susan Smyser of Manchester Twp.,  
York Co., Pa.

To my husband George Smyser use

and income from my tract of land: after  
his death to my children.

Executor son Edward Smyser.

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## Jacob Smyser

### 8th Child of Peter and Barbara

#### 8. JACOB SMYSER

1805—1854

Lived Manchester Twp.

m—Anna Mary Eisenhart, daug. of

##### *Children 7*

1. Cassandra Smyser
2. Sarah Ann Smyser
3. Henry Smyser
4. Leah Smyser, m—
5. George Smyser
6. Elizabeth Smyser, died single
7. Mary Ann Smyser, Hanover, m—Geo. Bange

##### *Children 2*

1. —

2. Ellen Bange, m—Wiest

All minors in 1841

Ref.:Orphans' Court. Book T—487.

George and Eva Eisenhart were sponsors for most of the children. Cassandra is sometimes called Cassiah or Keziah as given Aug. 6, 1824.

Jacob Smyser's widow Mary m 2nd Henry Albright of Hanover, Pa.

Book 4E—136—1854.

Jacob Smyser's heirs, late of Manchester Twp., dec., died intestate. Administrator Dr. Jacob Eisenhart of West Manchester Twp. The said widow and heirs the married ones joined by their husbands and one minor by her guardian, she not being married.

Now know ye that we Mary Albright and her husband Henry of Hanover; the said Mary the widow of said intestate Jacob Smyser. Cassandra, sometimes called Cassiah, wife of George W. Dick of York; Sarah wife of Emanuel Thomas

of Hanover; Leah wife of John Stine of Hanover and Henry Smyser of New York City each received balance due us:—Mary Albright \$445.91; Cassandra \$18.22; Sarah \$21.96. Leah and Henry the same. The minor Mary Smyser by her guardian George of Manchester Twp. paid back \$28.03 over paid to her. George Smyser Jr. paid back \$64.06 over paid to him.

Henry Albright administrator of Elizabeth Smyser, dec., deducted the same amount from his wife, she being the heir of her dec. daughter Elizabeth. Release. All sign, namely

John R. Stine

Leah Stine

Henry Albright and wife Mary; Cassandra Dick and husband George W. Dick; Emanuel Thomas and wife Sarah; George Smyser and George Smyser Jr. and Henry Albright as administrator of Elizabeth, dec.

#### 1. CASSANDRA (CATHERINE, KASSIAH) SMYSER

Aug. 6, 1824—1911, Dec. 11

Lived York

m—George W. Dick

Mar. 29, 1821—1883, Dec. 20. 62—8—21

Buried Prospect Hill Cemetery

Son of Samuel Dick

##### *Children 7*

1. James B. Dick, 1853—1856, died infancy
2. Samuel Dick, 1856 (10 mos.), died infancy

Ref.:Book 80—98—1884.

Between Henry J. Dick and Mary his wife of Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa.; George W. Dick and Sarah his wife; Howard Wantz and wife Bella of York Co.; Israel Beck of N. Codorus Twp.



and Mary E. his wife; Arvilla Jane Dick of West Manchester Twp., children and heirs of George W. Dick, for love and affection and 1.00 sold land on Gettysburg turnpike 138 perches to the widow of George W. Dick—not recorded until 1889.

#### DICK LIVING CHILDREN ARE

##### 3. MARY DICK

m—Israel Beck

###### *Children 3*

1. Mabel Beck, dec.  
m—Chester Kessler

###### *Child 1*

1. Ivin Kessler
2. Howard Beck, dec.  
m—Elizabeth Brenneman  
No issue
3. Walter Beck, dec.  
m—  
Lives New Salem

###### *Child 1*

1. William Beck

##### 4. ARABELLA DICK

Lives South Pershing Ave., York  
m—Howard Wantz, —1892 Sept.

###### *Children 2*

1. Edgar Howard Wantz  
Lives 647 West King St., York  
m—Annie Myer

###### *Child 1*

1. Howard Wantz
2. Florence Arabella Wantz  
With the York Printing Co.

##### 5. ARVILLA DICK

Dec.  
Lived York  
m—William Shive  
No issue

##### 6. HENRY J. DICK

Lives 458 Walnut St., Columbia, Pa.  
m—Mary (Mollie) Brown

###### *Children 3*

1. Lola Dick, at home
2. Charles Dick, m—
3. Nellie Dick, m—  
Lives Philadelphia, Pa.

#### *Children 3*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

##### 7. GEORGE W. DICK

Lives 234 S. Penn St., York  
m—Nov. 19, 1874 Sarah (Sadie) Catherine Flury, daug. of Peter and wife Mary Wolf, Hellam Twp.

###### *Children 6*

1. Maud Dick, m—John Wolf  
Owns a fruit farm on Violet Hill

###### *Children 3*

1. Doris Wolf, at home
2. Roberta Wolf, at home
3. John Wolf, at home
2. Kurwin Dick, —1931  
Lived York  
m—Ella Spangler, daug. of George

###### *Children 2*

1. Helen Dick
2. Florence Dick
3. Leroy Ivan Dick  
Lives 11022 Miles Ave., Cleveland, O.  
m—Maggie Mundis, daug. of Milton

###### *Children 2*

1. George Leroy Dick  
A fine-looking chap. Just graduated from Ohio State University, Columbus, O., class 1931
2. Earl Henry Dick  
Very nice looking. Student John Adams High School, Cleveland, O.
4. Smyser Wolf Dick  
Lives York  
m—Alma Boech(y)

###### *Children 2*

1. Lois Dick
2. Rita Dick
5. Naomi Dick  
Lives York  
m—Sherman Snyder, son of John

###### *Child 1*

1. Sherman Dick Snyder
6. Ruth Dick  
Lives York  
m—Ellis Eherhart

###### *Children 2*

1. Audry Martha Eherhart
2. Kenneth Eherhart



CHILDREN OF GEORGE A. SMYER  
Wonderful record of school attendance





# George Smyser

## 5th Child of Jacob and Anna Mary

5. GEORGE SMYSER  
Lives Spring Grove, Pa.  
m—Rebecca Myers

### *Children 7*

1. Jacob Smyser
2. Theodore Edgar Smyser
3. Sarah Smyser, single, dec.
4. Edward Smyser, died infancy
5. Albert Smyser, died infancy
6. Isabelle Smyser, died at 7 yrs.
7. Mary Smyser, died infancy

1. JACOB SMYSER  
b Spring Grove Sept. 29, 1850  
Celebrated his 81st birthday anniversary with his son George A. Smyser in York, Sept. 29, 1931  
Moved to York 1900  
m—Nov. 6, 1881 Justinia Fissel, June 12, 1855—1923, Oct. 24, daug. of Alexander of Jackson Twp.

### *Children 3*

1. George Alexander Smyser
2. Ellie Melicia Smyser, died infancy
3. Lillie Romaine Smyser

1. GEORGE ALEXANDER SMYSER  
b Spring Grove July 21, 1884  
Lives 623 Chestnut St., York  
m—Dec. 24, 1908 Minerva Rudisill, b June 9, 1885, daug. of Aaron Rudisill and wife Amanda Forry

### *Children 7*

1. George Henry Smyser, b July 21, 1911  
Lives at home. Graduated York High, Jan. 1930. On a visit Aug. and Sept. 1931 to his Uncle Percy M. Rudisill in South Dakota, where he was thoroughly initiated into Western life
2. Sarah Minerva Smyser, Sept. 11, 1912, who so kindly assisted me, together with her father, in gathering data of her family. Graduates York High, June class of 1932

3. Francis Philip Smyser, June 18, 1914  
York High, Jan. class 1932
4. Cletus Aaron Smyser, Apr. 26, 1916
5. Anna Romaine Smyser, July 30, 1917
6. Percy Jacob Smyser, Jan. 10, 1920
7. Matilda Justine Smyser, May 21, 1923

A daily paper of York Aug. 1931 published the following:

“A remarkable attendance record is held by this group of York School pupils, who are children of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Smyser, Chestnut St. In the back row, left to right, are Sarah M. Smyser, who did not miss a day at school in three non-consecutive years; Cletus A., who has gone six consecutive years with a perfect record; Francis P., who also has not missed a session in six consecutive years. First row are Anna R., who has for seven consecutive years had a perfect attendance; Matilda J., who has started with one year's perfect attendance, and Percy, who did not miss school in two non-consecutive years.”

2. ELLEN MELICIA SMYSER (OF JACOB, OF GEORGE)  
Died infancy
3. LILLIE ROMAINE SMYSER  
Mar. 21, 1892  
Lives Monroe St., West York  
m—Melvin Wilt

### *Child 1*

1. Frances Ellen Wilt, Feb. 14, 1921

2. THEODORE EDGAR SMYSER (OF GEORGE, OF JACOB)  
Dec. 22, 1863—  
Lives on the Lincoln Highway  
m—1885 Ellen Roth

### *Child 1*

1. Lulu Kate Smyser, m—Nov. 28, 1914  
Norman Menges, son of Jacob and his wife Emma Staumbaugh

2. SARAH ANN SMYSER (OF JACOB 1805)  
 July 2, 1826—  
 Lived Hanover, Pa.  
 m—Emanuel Thomas (son of George), 1818—  
 1880

*Children 8*

1. George W. Thomas, June 11, 1847—
2. J. A. Thomas, dentist, Hanover, Pa.
3. Edward C. Thomas, dec.
4. Marie Antoinette Thomas, m—William Strayer of St. Paul, Minn.
5. Howard S. Thomas, lives Maryland
6. Cora E. Thomas, dec.
7. Emma Grace Thomas, m—Emory Swartz
8. Carrie Thomas

1. GEORGE W. THOMAS  
 b Hanover, Pa., June 11, 1847—  
 He was in the Civil War when quite young  
 In 1867 he started undertaking business  
 m—1872 Mary E. Weaver, daug. of L. H. P.  
 Weaver and wife Helen M. Eck of Manches-  
 ter, Md.

*Children 6*

1. Dr. C. L. Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 m—Erben, Philadelphia
2. Hattie Thomas, m—Robert E. Hull of  
 Haddonfield, N. J.
3. Oliver C. Thomas, m—Trout of Han-  
 over, Pa.
4. Lottie May Thomas, m—Currin A.  
 Allenwelt of the Hanover Shoe Co.
5. Austin F. Thomas, undertaker, Han-  
 over, Pa.  
 m—Hilda Stine

*Child 1*

1. Mary Louise Thomas
6. George E. Thomas, Hanover, Pa.  
 m—June 15, 1922 Mabel Roth  
 No issue

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Thomas are active members of Emanuel Reformed Church of Hanover. He was Deacon 5 years and Elder 5 years. He was also city tax collector 3 years. Member of Major Jenkins Post No. 99, G. A. R.; also member K. P. of the Mystic Chain, and of Red Men, B. P. O. E., Brotherhood of Funeral Directors, Friendly Circle and Brotherhood of Union

3. HENRY SMYSER (OF JACOB 1805—1854)  
 Capt. in the Civil War  
 Lived Hanover, Pa., and St. Paul, Minn.  
 Bachelor

4. LEAH SMYSER  
 Lived Hanover, Pa.  
 m—John R. Stine

*Child 1*

1. Lillian Katherine Stine  
 Lived Hanover, Pa.  
 m—Dec. 29, 1885 Elmer E. Wentz, a dry-  
 goods merchant, member St. Matthew's  
 Lutheran Church, son of Valentine and  
 wife Adeline Orr

*Children 7*

1. Leah A. Wentz
2. Irene Wentz
3. John V. Wentz
4. Lillian Wentz
5. Bertha Wentz
6. William E. Wentz
7. Robert Smyser Wentz, died infancy

1. LEAH ADELINE WENTZ  
 (I received this information from her)  
 Lives Hanover, Pa.  
 m—Mar. 4, 1908 Paul Edgar Sell

*Children 2*

1. Barbara Sell
2. Paul Edgar Sell, Jr.
2. IRENE WENTZ  
 Lives Forest Hills, Long Island  
 m—Thomas Tyson Cook

*Child 1*

1. Thomas Tyson Cook, Jr.
3. JOHN VALENTINE WENTZ  
 Lives Hanover, Pa.  
 m—Apr. Nora Knipple  
 No living issue

4. LILLIAN WENTZ  
 Lives  
 m—Ralph Fox

*Child 1*

1. Gene Ann, 1931
5. BERTHA WENTZ  
 Lives Gettysburg, Pa.  
 m—Keith Berger  
 No issue
6. WILLIAM WENTZ  
 Lives Hanover, Pa.  
 m—Jan. 1, 1926, Mary Diller, daug. of Simon  
 J. Diller and wife Susan





VERY REV. WILLIAM HAMILTON NES  
Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, La.





# Leah Smyser

## 9th Child of Peter and Barbara

### 9. LEAH SMYSER

1805—1875, July 8

Lived Manchester Twp.

m—John Brillinger—1880

*Children 8*

1. Eliza Brillinger, Mar. 15, 1833—1912,  
May 31
2. Amanda C. Brillinger
3. John Brillinger, lives in California
4. Horace Brillinger, dec.
5. Jacob S. Brillinger
6. Edwin Brillinger, dec.
7. Henry Brillinger, dec.
8. George Brillinger, York

### 1. ELIZA BRILLINGER

119 West Market St., York

She was a widow many years

m—1856 Alexander Hamilton Nes (Jan. 3, 1827—1879, May 17), son of William Nes (Oct. 3, 1797—1830, Oct. 10) and wife Eve Catherine Eichelberger (Jan. 17, 1798—1880, Sept. 7)

Alexander Hamilton Nes, son of William Nes (who was an officer in the War of 1812) and his wife Eve Catherine Eichelberger, b 1796, daug. of Daniel.

Eve Catherine and her sister were young ladies together and the belles of York. The stories they related, when as old ladies they sat by the fire o' nights and the younger ones coaxed stories of by-gone days from them, were highly entertaining.

They attended the reception given to Le Marquis de La Fayette on his sojourn in York on his second visit to America, 1825.

*Children 2*

1. William Jefferson Nes
2. Leah Catherine (Kate) Nes

### 1. WILLIAM JEFFERSON NES

Lived York

Dec. 16, 1857—1902, Jan. 16

(From tombstone Prospect Hill Cemetery)

Pupil of Miss Lydia Love, a Quakeress; York County Academy; Princeton College. Read law with Mr. Chapin.

Sang many years in the choir of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, York.

m—Julia Etta Sullivan

*Child 1*

1. The Very Rev. William Hamilton Nes  
Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, La.

b York, Dec. 13, 1895

Educated first five grades in the Public Schools. Sixth grade, 1906-1907, in York Co. Academy. This year was an exceedingly formative year in his life and the influence and character of the principal, prof. Gardiner, seems to have made a lasting impression

In 1907 moved to Washington, D. C., where he spent two years in the "Friends" (Quaker) Select School.

1909-1913 attended Central High School in Washington, D. C. His freshman year was at Columbia University; three succeeding years at Harvard University, where in 1918 he received his B. A.

He received his theological training at the Episcopal Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Va. B. D. 1921.

Ordained deacon 1920; priest 1921, by the Right Rev. Albert Harding, D.D., Bishop of Washington.

Served as rector, Holy Trinity parish, Collington, Md., June 1921-Sept. 1925.

Spent one year (1925-1926) at Oxford, England, receiving "Diploma in Theology with Distinction."

He became Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, Feb. 17, 1927. m—June 25, 1918 Mary Robinson Leinbach, daug. of

*Children 4*

1. William Benjamin Nes, b 1922, dec.
2. Mary Josephine Nes, July 26, 1924
3. William Robert Nes, May 16, 1926
4. Lucille Lambert Nes, Nov. 2, 1928

"In spite of all the superficial confusion and controversy in religion today, I am increasingly confident of the underlying soundness of the Christian Faith, of its power of survival and new conquest, and of a real though not always obvious turning back of the people to Spiritual realities. So I live day by day through the many passing problems and difficulties, with a good heart."

From a letter to his Aunt.

2. LEAH CATHERINE (KATE) NES

Lived York. Now lives Titusville, Pa., in the summer and Park Ave., New York City, in the winter

m—June 25, 1884 William C. Warner of Titusville, Pa.

*Children 5*

1. Mary Cadwallader Warner, lives Titusville, Pa.

Pupil of Miss Baldwin's School, Bryn Mawr, and Bryn Mawr Travel School in Europe

m—Daniel R. Brenton

*Child 1*

1. Mary Emma Brenton

2. Alexander Nes Warner

Lives Titusville, Pa.

Graduated from Haverford College

m—Francis Y. C. Craig

*Children 4*

1. Edith Weatherby Warner
2. Lydia Craig Warner
3. Francis Craig Warner
4. Katherine Nes Warner

3. William Weatherby Warner  
Graduated Boston Tech.

m—Kathleen Carrington

*Children 3*

1. William Crim Warner
2. Alexander Nes Warner
3. Johns Kingsbury Warner

4. Frederick H. Warner, single  
Graduated Philips Exeter Prep.

5. Edith Weatherby Warner, dec.  
2nd year in Smith College

2. AMANDA C. BRILLINGER (OF LEAH SMYSER)  
Lived York

Aug. 28, 1834—1910, Nov. 20

m—Joseph Elias Rosenmiller, son of Lewis and wife Elizabeth Eichelberger

Apr. 9, 1824—1894, Mar. 6

*Children 9*

1. Mary Rosenmiller, died young
2. John Rosenmiller, died young
3. Henrietta Virginia Rosenmiller  
Mar. 23, 1859—1929, Jan. 14
4. Laura Evelyn Rosenmiller, Nov. 11, 1860—1920, Sept. 18
5. A. Jane Rosenmiller, single
6. Florence Rosenmiller
7. Ann Josephine Rosenmiller, Mar. 7, 1868—1896, Dec. 16
8. William Frederick Rosenmiller  
m—Anna Smyser

9. Joseph F. Rosenmiller, died young  
All members of St. John's Episcopal Church. For William Frederick's wife, see Mathias' line  
Mr. Joseph Elias Rosenmiller was in the hardware business until 5 yrs. before he passed away, on West Market St. The building still bears the Rosenmiller name

5. JACOB S. BRILLINGER

8. GEORGE BRILLINGER  
York



# Daniel L. Smyser

## 10th Child of Peter and Barbara

### 10. DANIEL L. SMYSER (OF PETER 1ST)

Mar. 20, 1807—1862, Mar. 26

Lived Spring Garden Twp.

m—Nov. 25, 1841 Sarah Ann Herman (June 19, 1821—1894, Apr. 30), daug. of Jacob Herman who m—Apr. 13, 1815 Sarah Ann Laucks (1796—1868, Dec. 26)

Daniel Smyser dropped dead at his plough  
Ref.: Book 5I.

Sarah Ann Smyser received from  
Jacob Herman estate \$11,671.15.

*Children 5*

1. Amanda Margaret Smyser
2. Albert Herman Smyser, 1844—192
3. Jacob Herman Smyser
4. Emma Jane Smyser
5. Sarah Ellen Smyser

Ref.: Will of Jacob Herman.

Book Y—323. Made Jan. 2, 1868—1869.

m—Sarah

*Children 3*

1. Adam Herman
2. Sarah Ann Herman, m—Daniel Smyser
3. Catherine Herman, m—Jacob H. Shetter

Jacob Herman was a wealthy man for his day. Provided well for his wife. Wants Sarah Ann Smyser to live with her mother, etc.

Three codicils in regard to Catherine Leib, who lives with them, to receive 150 and furniture mentioned in will probated Mar. 16, 1872.

Wills his grandson Albert Herman Smyser, his silver watch and gold key.

Executors son Adam and grandson Albert H.

### 1. AMANDA M. SMYSER

July 26, 1842—1907, Jan. 27

Lived Spring Garden Twp. and York

m—May 5, 1868 Amos Green Throne (May 16, 1844—1900, May 28), son of Samuel Throne and his wife Hariette Green

*Children 2*

1. Wilmer C. Throne, b Feb. 6, 1869
2. Nettie Augusta Throne

### 1. WILMER C. THRONE

Of the firm of W. C. Throne & Co., 246 W. Market St., York

m—June 18, 1896 Fannie M. Deardorf, daug. of Oliver and wife Sarah Fake

*Children 2*

1. Philip Throne, b Oct. 20, 1896, dec.
2. Sarah Throne, single, Sept. 18, 1902—

### 2. NETTIE AUGUSTA THRONE

Sept. 25, 1870—

m—Feb. 23, 1893 John H. Rutter, son of Samuel and wife Emma J. Hoke

*Children 2*

1. , Aug. 14, 1896 (7 days)
2. Esther Rutter, Jan. 26, 1900

Book —161—1908. Prob. Dec. 15.

Will made May 7, 1903.

Amanda M. Throne of West Market St., York, Pa., etc., etc., etc.

To Prospect Hill Cemetery \$100 to keep lots 13 and 15 Sec. I in repair.

To son Wilmer C. Throne, etc., and to his wife Fannie, etc.

½ to daughter Nettie Augusta Rutter she to retain personal control. ½ to son Wilmer C. Throne.

Executor Wilmer C. Throne.

### 2. ALBERT SMYSER (OF DANIEL)

Jan. 29, 1844—192—

Lived Spring Garden Twp. and Hellam Twp.

m—Aug. 4, 1864 Amelia Magdalena Blessing (Apr. 11, 1842—1920), daug. of John and his wife Mary Bahn

Married by Rev. Menges

### Children 10

1. Annie Corine Smyser
2. Mary Augusta Smyser, July 29, 1867—
3. John Henry Smyser, 1869—1870
4. Herman Bahn Smyser, 1870—1877
5. Virginia Rachel Smyser, 1874—1875
6. Albert Eugene Smyser, 1875—1876
7. Ralph Daniel Smyser
8. Blanche Helen Smyser, died young
9. Chester Allen Smyser, died young
10. Sarah Estella Smyser, single

Book 3I—264—1922.

Will of Albert Smyser, made Dec. 11, 1920.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my two daughters Mary A. and Sarah E. Smyser each \$500.

ITEM: To my grandson Clair S. Kauffman \$100 to keep in repair my lot in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

ITEM: Residue equally between my 4 children namely, Annie C. Kauffman wife of Allen, Ralph D. Smyser, Mary A. Smyser, Sarah E. Smyser.

Executors: my son Ralph D. and son-in-law Allen Kauffman.

#### 1. ANNIE C. SMYSER

b June 11, 1865

Lives 228 E. Phila. St., York

She was a student at Millersville, Lancaster Co., Pa., two years Cottage Hill College and one year Y. C. I., York

m—Feb. 22, 1894 Allen Kauffman, son of Isaac and wife Rebecca Throne  
1861—1930

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#### STROKE FATAL TO ALLEN KAUFFMAN

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Prominent Manufacturer, Former Member of  
School Board and Council

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#### FUNERAL ON TUESDAY

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Allen Kauffman, well-known manufacturer and a prominent citizen of York, died Saturday evening at 7:45 o'clock at his residence, 228 East Philadelphia street, from a paralytic stroke. Mr. Kauffman was stricken while in the Temple Club at 5:15 p. m. where he had gone to spend the afternoon.

Born at Stony Run, York county, October

21, 1861, Mr. Kauffman was educated in the public schools of the county and attended several terms at Millersville State Normal School. Upon his completion of his studies he taught school in York and Lancaster counties for eight years.

He was elected to serve two terms on the old city common council and served sixteen years on the city school board; serving as president for the last four.

#### BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

He was the president and founder of A. Kauffman and Brothers, manufacturers of cigar boxes, and devoted forty years of his life in improving and building up his factory until it is one of the largest plants of its kind in the state.

He was on the board of the Eastern Market and the Carlisle Avenue Market; president of the Penn Veneer Company; vice-president of the Drovers and Mechanics National Bank and head of two lumber companies in Virginia. He was also first vice-president of the National Cigar Box Manufacturers Association.

#### PROMINENT MASON

He was an active member of Heidelberg Reformed Church, and was a member of the Church Consistory. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Zeredetha Lodge, Yorktowne Chapter, Gethsemane Commandery, Harrisburg Consistory and Zembo Temple, all Masonic organizations. He was a charter member of Sandilands Commandery and was also affiliated with the Junior Order United American Mechanics and a member of the United Commercial Travelers.

Mr. Kauffman is survived by his wife, one daughter, Frances Kauffman, at home, and one son, Clair Kauffman, of 226 East Philadelphia street. One brother, Charles K. Kauffman, of Yilson, Fla., also survives him.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence, 228 East Philadelphia street, on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, the officiating minister will be Dr. W. Sherman Kerschner, pastor of Heidelberg Reformed Church; Dr. J. Albert Getty, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, and Dr. Samuel H. Stein, pastor of Trinity First Reformed Church. Interment will be made in Prospect Hill Cemetery.



*Children 5*

1. George S. Kauffman, 1894—1895
2. Ruth Amelia Kauffman, 1896—1896
3. Clair Smyser Kauffman  
Attended the schools of York; Bellefonte Academy, Pa.; University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia  
Left to enter the World War in the U. S. Navy in the Paymaster's service  
m—Feb. 1926 Catherine Reigert  
No issue
4. Philip Blessing Kauffman, died infancy
5. Frances Louise Kauffman  
Graduated York High School, class of 1925; Putnam Hall, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., class of 1926; Wellesley, Mass., class of 1930, B. A. degree

In 1931 she was helpful in securing data and taking me around in her car. A very pretty girl or, rather, young lady.

The summer of 1928 she toured Europe, one of a party of 19 young ladies.

7. RALPH D. SMYSER

Lives 504 West King St., York  
m—Sept. 23, 1902 Sadie Moore Lewis, daug. of Clayton Lewis and wife Ellen Smyser; see Mathias Smyser line

*Child 1*

1. Sarah Lewis Smyser  
Lives 314 South Hanover St., Carlisle  
m—May 28, 1927 Leighton Edgar McNulty

## Jacob Herman Smyser

### 3rd Child of Daniel and Sarah Ann

3. JACOB HERMAN SMYSER

b Oct. 22, 1860

Lives York

m 1st—Apr. 17, 1881 Alice Catherine Smyser (Nov. 25, 1861—1890, Aug. 3), daug. of John Smyser (b 1838— ) and his wife Caroline Bott (1839—1918); they had 3 children: Karwan; Edward C.; Alice (see Daniel line of Michael 2nd)

*Child 1*

1. Carrie Ada Smyser  
Lives Lancaster, Pa.  
m—Apr. 16, 1911 Harvey L. Lehman, son of George and wife Emily Harris  
m 2nd—Apr. 24, 1911 Miriam Eva Faber, daug. of Adam  
She died Mar. 1929  
No issue

4. EMMA JANE SMYSER

Jan. 26, 1848—

Lived York

m—Dec. 22, 1874 Henry Musser, pres. of Silk Co. of Littlestown, Pa., son of John H. and wife Mary Strickler  
1849—1910

*Children 3*

1. Walter E. Musser  
Lives York, Corner Madison Ave. and Hartley St.  
m—July 7, 1915 Mary Elizabeth Sweeny (—1925, Oct. 2), daug. of Ralph and wife Ellen M. More

*Child 1*

1. John Henry Musser, b July 4, 1920
2. Howard Smyser Musser, bachelor
3. Mabel Jane Musser  
Lives West Market St., York  
Graduated from High School, class of 1906  
m—July 21, 1908 Harry Daniel Immel, son of George and wife Ida Herman

*Child 2*

1. John Musser Immel, died infancy
2. A daughter

5. SARAH E. SMYSER

Sept. 10, 1852—1911, Jan. 22

Lived York Co.

m—Oct. 17, 1872 John Stoner, Jr., son of John and wife Sarah Landis

*Children 4*

1. Harry Smyser Stoner, Mar. 22, 1875
2. Maggie E. Stoner, Dec. 13, 1877



3. Howard Eugene Stoner, Aug. 5, 1881
  4. Clarence Landis Stoner
- John Stoner, Jr., owns property near Stoner's Station on the Penna. R. R., 60 acres on which he has a fine dwelling, a large barn, four tenements, a blacksmith shop, and a two-story warehouse 30x60 feet. He deals in flour, grain, feed stuff, coal, lime and tobacco
1. HARRY SMYSER STONER  
m—Oct. 12, 1905 Kate Elizabeth Freed, daug. of Joseph B.  
No issue

2. MAGGIE E. STONER  
m—Nov. 3, 1898 Walter Clarence Blessing, son of Jacob and wife Ellen Sakemiller  
*Child 1*  
1. Philip Stoner Blessing  
b Jan. 30, 1901
3. HOWARD EUGENE STONER  
m—Oct. 4, 1910 Sue Smyser Hake, daug. of Adam Hake and wife Susanna Smyser
4. CLARENCE LANDIS STONER  
Aug. 27, 1889—1906, July 31

## John Smyser

### 11th Child of Peter and Barbara

11. JOHN SMYSER  
Mar. 20, 1807—1871, Mar. 20  
Lived York Co. His widow lived in York  
m—Susan Eyster, daug. of George and wife Anna Christine Altland  
The latter was b Apr. 4, 1817. Died 1908, Oct. 5. 91—6  
Sister of Leah Eyster who married Peter Lint  
*Children 5*  
1. Henry E. Smyser  
2. Amanda Smyser, May 10, 1842—1890, May 17  
3. Ellen (Ella) Smyser, 1847—1899, Apr. 13  
4. Lydia E. Smyser  
5. Savilla Smyser, 1850—1913, Nov. 3
1. HENRY SMYSER  
Went to Philadelphia when he was only 18 years of age  
m—Cora Coe of Philadelphia  
*Child 1*  
1. Walter Smyser, died at 24 yrs.
2. AMANDA SMYSER  
m—Martin Smyser, son of Michael Smyser 3rd  
*Child 1*  
1. Harry L. Smyser, died June 1922  
m—No issue

Ref.: Book G16—675—1909. Recorder's Office, York, Pa.

Book P16—639—1909.

3. ELLEN (ELLA) SMYSER  
m—Wiest
4. LYDIA E. SMYSER  
Lives Altoona, Pa., and York  
m—Henry H. Herr, son of John  
No issue
5. SAVILLA SMYSER  
Lived Oak Lane, N. Philadelphia; moved to Devil's Lake, N. Dakota  
m—John O. Baughman  
*Children 2*  
1. John Smyser Baughman  
2. Ruth Louise Baughman  
Lives Devil's Lake, N. Dakota  
m—Robert C. Collison  
*Children 2*  
1. Jane Collison  
2. Ruth Louise Collison

## Catherine Elizabeth Smyser

2nd Child of Colonel John Michael and Anna Maria

### 2. CATHERINE E. SMYSER

m—17— John Ebert

*Children*—Only know the one; may have been others

#### 1. Catherine Ebert, 1799—1882

m—June 10, 1834 George Bear Thomas, Oct. 7, 1810—1893, b Cumberland Co. He lived and was educated in Adams Co. In 1857 moved to Heidelberg Twp., York Co.

After farming for 10 years, he purchased a small piece of land, erected a building and opened a store where in 1870 the U. S. Government installed a postoffice and named it Thomasville in his honor, he being the first postmaster.

The little settlement grew rapidly and is now a flourishing village, on the Gettysburg pike, now Lincoln highway, west of York.

He was a justice of the peace for 12 years.

Ref.: Page 613, Penna. Genealogies by Egle.

Prowell's History of York Co., Pa., volume 2, page 624.

### *Children 9*

1. John Thomas
2. Jacob Thomas
3. Martin Thomas
4. Henry K. Thomas
5. Mary C. Thomas
6. Elizabeth Thomas
7. Maggie Thomas
8. Luther Thomas, dec.
9. George Thomas, dec.

#### 4. HENRY K. THOMAS

b Apr. 8, 1841 in Cumberland Co., Pa.

Lived Adams Co. and York Co.

He learned the trade of blacksmith and established a shop at Thomasville. In 1867 built a residence that has been his home ever since

Retired in 1895

m—1868 Leah Spangler

She died 1905, Jan. 21. 57—5—21

Buried at Wolf's Church

No issue

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## Sarah Smyser

3rd Child of Colonel John Michael and Anna Maria

### 3. SARAH SMYSER

Lived Reisterstown, Md.

m—Daniel Forney

### *Children*

Nothing known of this family at the present time (1931)



# Jacob Smyser

## 4th Child of Colonel John Michael and Anna Maria

### 4. JACOB SMYSER

m—Margretta Yessler,—1873, Dec. 18

#### *Children 3*

1. Michael Smyser, Jr., 1799—1874
2. Israel Smyser, 1800—1848
3. Henry Smyser

### 1. MICHAEL SMYSER

Nov. 2, 1799—1874, July 10. 75 yrs., etc.

Farmer and tanner

Lived York. Spent 5 yrs. in Baltimore, Md.

Was a druggist in Pittsburgh, Pa.

He was in the Civil War. Enlisted for 3 yrs., 1861—Co. F, 87th P. V. Infantry. Became Commissary Sergt.

Was member of the Union Veteran Legion No. 65 of York, Pa., of which he was Adjutant and Colonel

Member of the M. E. Church, Princess St.

Ref.: Prowell's History, Biography, page 525.

m—1824 Eliza Lanius

May 18, 1802—1882, Apr. 25

She was an Aunt of Capt. W. H. Lanius

#### *Children 9*

1. Jacob Smyser, died aged 29
2. Albert Smyser
3. Thomas C. Smyser
4. Michael Smyser
5. Lewis E. Smyser
6. Annie M. Smyser
7. Ellen Smyser
8. Eliza Smyser
9. Dr. Henry L. Smyser

### 1. JACOB SMYSER

Lived York

m—1850 Mary Jane Weiser (—1910, Apr. 14),  
daug. of Jacob, of Conrad Weiser

No issue

She married a second time to Nathaniel Weigle (Apr. 12, 1823—), son of Martin and his wife Charlotte Lutman. She was his second wife

### 2. ALBERT SMYSER, lived York

Tanner and lumber merchant

m—Julia A. Myers (Apr. 13, 1831—1914),  
daug. of John Myers and wife Eleanor Hum-  
mer

#### *Child 1*

### 1. Frank Smyser

Attended York Co. Academy. Gradu-  
ated from Pennsylvania College at Get-  
tysburg, Pa. Lawyer

m—Nancy McClellan Hersh, daug. of G.  
Edward Hersh

#### *Children 2*

Both died in infancy

She married a second time to W. A.  
Maigne. A very happy marriage

John Myers came to York in 1850. He held  
the rank of capt. of State Militia 12 yrs.  
He served 3 yrs. as county commissioner

### 3. THOMAS C. SMYSER (OF MICHAEL, OF JACOB) 1835—1912, Aug. 8

Lived York

m—Agnes Messerschmidt, 1854—

Book ZZ—405—1912. His Will.

Made Jan. 17, 1912. Prob. Aug. 21, 1912.

ITEM: All my real and personal estate to  
my wife as long as she remains my widow and  
all income from dividends and from personal  
estate.

May sell the 5 houses on east side of North  
Newberry St. between Clark Alley and Phila.  
St. On death or marriage of my wife Agnes,  
I bequeath to sons and daughters.

Executor son Robert.

#### *Children 4*

1. Robert Smyser
2. Thomas L. Smyser
3. Eliza (Lida) Smyser, moved to Chicago
4. Margaret (or Mary) A. Smyser



1. ROBERT SMYSER  
—1924, Apr. 20  
Lived in York, Newberry St.  
m—June 10, 1902 Caroline (Carrie) Ellen Kidd, daug. of John W. Kidd and wife Sarah Kate Emig  
In the Western National Bank as teller  
*Children 2*
  1. Mary Helen Smyser, died at 22 yrs.
  2. Margaret Grace Smyser
2. THOMAS L. SMYSER  
Lived York; moved Schenectady, N. Y.; later to Chicago; also lived in Pittsburgh  
m 1st—Mabel Greybill  
*Children 2*
  1. Catherine Smyser, Chicago
  2. Thomas Smyser; he is in the U. S. Navy
m 2nd—
3. ELIZA (LIDA) SMYSER  
m—Robert Martin  
Moved to Chicago. No issue
4. MARGARET A. SMYSER  
Lives on a farm near Dover, York Co.  
m—Irvine Stover. No issue
4. MICHAEL SMYSER (OF MICHAEL, OF JACOB)  
Aug. 7, 1840—1913, Sept. 9  
Lived York  
Educated at John Beck's School, Lititz, Pa.  
Deputy Collector Internal Revenue  
m—Jan. 10, 1867 Annie E. Straughn, daug. of James of Cambridge, Md.—1927, June 1  
Ref.: Book 3L—180—1927, July 1. Her Will.  
*Children 6*
  1. James S. Smyser, —1931, Jan.  
Lived York, with his sister Clara Smyser, 242 Roosevelt Ave.  
Salesman  
Was Deputy Co. Treasurer; Clerk to the County Commissioners; Deputy City Treasurer under Ralph Mitzel  
Member of the Vigilant Fire Co.; member of the First Methodist Church  
He died of pneumonia following a short illness, in his 64th yr.  
Bachelor

2. Willis L. Smyser  
Lives and owns a drugstore at the corner of Market and Newberry Sts. For several generations his ancestors lived there  
Owned tannery  
m—Anna Hollinger, daug. of  
*Child 1*
  1. Willis Michael Smyser
3. Clara L. Smyser, single  
She was of some assistance to me in 1929  
Lives 242 Roosevelt Ave.
4. Edward Pierson Smyser  
Lived York. He held a number of positions of trust. Lives 314 Roosevelt Ave. He is an employee of the Bee Hive Store  
m—Feb. 19, 1899 Bertha Gallatin, daug. of  
*Children 3*
  1. Catherine Smyser, died at 19 yrs. from flu during the World War, and while she was in service for the U. S. Government at Washington, D. C.
  2. Francis Smyser, died at 5 yrs.
  3. Robert Michael Floyd Smyser, graduated from York High, June 1930. He is now assistant secretary in the Boys' Department of the Y. M. C. A., York
5. Anna Grace Smyser, for several years a teacher in the Public Schools  
m—191— Albert Brown. Moved to Scranton, Pa., in 1929  
She is a widow  
*Child 1*
  1. Albert Brown, Jr.
6. Elsie May Smyser, for several years taught music in York  
m—1911 Floyd Nagle, who is an electrical engineer. Graduate of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. He was an honor student  
*Children 2*
  1. Smyser Floyd Nagle
  2. J. Carlyle Nagle

# Lewis E. Smyser

## 5th Child of Michael and Eliza

### 5. LEWIS E. SMYSER

Oct. 29, 1842—1915, July 3

Lived York

Lumber and coal merchant

m—July 22, 1863 Ellen Metzgar (1847—1929, Mar. 24), on Palm Sunday, daug. of John Metzgar (Nov. 11, 1788—1856, Apr. 10) and his wife Anna Maria Gardner of York (1805—1886. 80 years)

#### *Children 12*

1. Emma Smyser
2. Elizabeth Smyser
3. Annie M. Smyser
4. Paul Smyser
5. Bessie D. Smyser
6. Richard Thomas Smyser
7. Rudolph E. Smyser
8. Jacob Grant Smyser
9. Ellen Kate Smyser
10. Grace Henrietta Smyser, b June 30, 1870
11. Florence Fannie Smyser, Jan. 14, 1872
12. Horace Edwin Smyser, May 1, 1880  
(10, 11 and 12 are not numbered as to place in line of birth—died young)

Book 3C—383—1913. Will of Lewis E. Smyser.

Made Sept. 29, 1913. Prob. July 17, 1915.

ITEM: To Prospect Hill Cemetery 100.

ITEM: To wife Ellen Smyser during widowhood, after her decease to my children, namely:

Emma Aldinger, Elizabeth S. Strawbridge, Annie M. Ramsey, Paul Smyser, Bessie D. Metzgar, Rudolph E. Smyser, Ellen Kate Smyser, Jacob G. Smyser, share and share alike.

Mrs. Ellen E. Smyser, widow of Lewis E., was a life-long member of the Moravian Church.

Lived 29 East Philadelphia St.

### 1. EMMA SMYSER

m 1st—Feb. 2, 1888 Arthur Rosser

Architect, born in Yorkshire, England

Jan. 29, 1865—1894, Feb. 2

#### *Children 3*

1. Edna E. Rosser, —1918, Dec. 15  
m—Oct. 19, 1911 Elmer H. Singley  
Lived Fairfield, Adams Co., Pa.  
1 Child, born dead
2. Dr. Hubert H. Rosser, optician  
Lives in the Haines Building, York  
m—Apr. 1, 1915 Mary Glass of Lancaster, Pa.

#### *Child 1*

1. Hubert H. Rosser, Jr., died at 5 yrs.
3. Charles B. Rosser, petty officer in the United States Navy in 1931. Stationed at San Diego, Calif. Chief yeoman. Two years he was recruiting officer in Omaha, Neb.  
m 1st—Julia Bush

#### *Children 2*

1. Arthur C. Rosser, graduated from the York High School when he was 16 yrs. of age. He is now attending an art school, Newark, N. J.
2. Marie Catherine Rosser, a student in the York High School  
m 2nd—Tessie Lake, of San Diego, Calif.

m 2nd—Feb. 22, 1909 Henry Aldinger  
Employed by the Acme Wagon Works at Emigsville, Pa.

Ever since their marriage they have lived at 46 North West St.

She was of great assistance in filling dates and names of her own family

No issue

### 2. ELIZABETH SMYSER

Lives York

m 1st—J. R. Strawbridge



July 25, 1858—1916, Oct. 14

Lawyer

b in Fawn Twp., York Co.

Educated at the York Collegiate Institute, 1880, and Lafayette College, Easton, class of 1882

His maternal grandfather, Aquila McDonald, was an officer in the War of 1812

*Children 3*

1. Mary S. Strawbridge

Lived York; moved to Orangeburg

m—Fred Hiller

2. Elizabeth Strawbridge

m—Tucker McClure, Santa Monica, Calif., an officer in the United States Army

*Child 1*

1. Allen Strawbridge McClure

3. Edwin S. Strawbridge

Has attained prominence as an exhibition dancer. He is known as the premier dancer of Rivinia Opera Co., of Rivinia Park, Chicago

He is heading the ballet with Ruth Page, the most famous artistic dancer of the day (York, Pa., paper, 1928). They danced at the coronation of the Emperor of Japan. 1931 in New York

m—2nd—Eli Grove

3. ANNIE M. SMYSER

Lives in Philadelphia

m—Nov. 8, 1894 John W. Ramsey

No issue

4. PAUL SMYSER

Apr. 3, 1869—1925, Jan. 4

Lived York. Coal merchant

m—1893 Margaret Frances Benton, daug. of Thomas Theodore and wife Mary Catherine Blosser, of Maryland

*Children 4*

1. Ellen Pauline Smyser

m—1915 Frederick Paxton, of Falls Church, Va., only 6 miles from Washington, D. C.

He is an insurance and real estate man

*Children 6*

1. Frederick Sherwood Paxton
2. Paul Smyser Paxton
3. George Benton Paxton
4. Albert Lee Paxton
5. Herbert William Paxton
6. Stuart Sutphin Paxton

2. Lewis Edward Smyser, attending State College his Junior year, 1931

3. Lydia Margaret Smyser, at home

4. Thomas Benton Smyser, Junior High, 1931

5. BESSIE D. SMYSER

Lived Washington, D. C.

m—Charles W. Metzgar

*Children 3 (1 adopted)*

1. Ellen Metzgar

m—July 26, 1924 George Schroyer of York

*Child 1*

1. Richard Metzgar

2. Patricia Schroyer, legally adopted

3. Charles Metzgar, attending Overlea School for the Blind in Maryland

6. RICHARD THOMAS SMYSER

Feb. 26, 1873—1908, June 26. Age 35 yrs., 4 mos.

m—a lady from Baltimore, first name Lillie

7. RUDOLPH E. SMYSER

Lived Ft. Bliss, Texas, and many other places

m—Sept. 15, 1905 Maude Craig, of Leavenworth, Kans.

*Children 2*

1. Craig Smyser

2. Rudolph E. Smyser, Jr.

Lieut.-Col. Rudolph E. Smyser, Ft. Bliss, Texas, is serving as Post Quartermaster and Quartermaster of First Cavalry Division. He is in charge of an outfit of Mexican Federal Troops who were driven out of Juarez some time ago (at the time of his mother's death)

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CAPTAIN SMYSER'S MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

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Told by Himself in a Letter to His Mother, Mrs. Ellen E. Smyser, of This City

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MIGHTY NEAR DEATH

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According to a letter received yesterday by Mrs. Ellen E. Smyser, 29 East Philadelphia street, from her son, Captain Rudolph Smyser, of the United States Army, there is no doubt that the most miraculous escape during the massacre of American citizens on the Mexican border at Columbus, New Mexico, last week, was that of the captain and his wife and two children, who managed to get out of the house after it had been surrounded and hide in a small barn erected



by Captain Smyser, just recently, in which to keep a pony he had purchased for his oldest son. The family escaped with only their night clothes, except the captain, who slipped on his army boots, a shirt and a pair of trousers. While assembling the family in the dark, the bullets were whistling through the room. The letter is dated March 11, and was written from Hermanas, about twenty miles west of Columbus. Following a preliminary greeting to his mother, Captain Smyser says:

#### Startled by Firing

"Wednesday night we went to bed as usual with no thought of any trouble, but at 4:15 a. m. we, Maude and I, awoke with a start by hearing firing. I started to calm Maude by saying that I believed it to be the guards firing on some few Mexicans who were stealing or would not halt. I had not opened my mouth when the real firing of musketry began. It was by volley and of large proportion and all at once I realized that the unexpected had happened—Villa was attacking Columbus. I jumped out of bed and grabbed my clothing and as I did they started firing through my bedroom. R. E. and Craig both awoke and asked the trouble. I ran to them and told them to keep quiet or we'd probably all be killed. I put on a shirt and pair of trousers and my boots in the dark. I picked up a red one and a yellow one. I did not know this until later, but it would have meant death to light a lamp or match; in fact, I felt we would be killed and, candidly, expected it. Now they had come to the door and were all around the house and still firing through our bedroom. Outside a Mexican was saying: 'Here American officer,' evidently one of those living in Columbus and who guided them. All this happened in less time than it takes to tell it, not over three minutes at the most. I realized to stay in the house was certain death for us all, so I grabbed Craig and with Maude taking R. E.'s hand, I opened the back door and ran for the barn—our only chance.

#### Reached Barn in Safety

"By luck, or God's guidance over us, we reached the barn without being shot at or apparently seen, though they were in the yard and all around the house. I figure they saw us, but Maude and the children being in their night-clothes, which were white, they in the dark took us for some of their own force, they wearing

mixed clothing. At the barn I found my man, which helped some but very little, as we both had only pistols. As we got to the barn we heard the first door go down, battered in, and then a little later, 'they're gone, not here.' But I realized we were far from out of it. The troops had now started to drive them back and this made our position worse, as their retreat was right past the barn. We lay there, waiting the first line to come back and part of them stopped at the door and came over to search for horses. Now I felt our end was near, as we could count them through the cracks of the barn, and there were many. Here we were again in luck, for as they came over the fence, seeing the little barn in the yard and saying it was no good, left without coming in. They started to fire from the barn and the bullets in turn whistled over us or hit the roof. The fire became too hot and they left.

#### Mexicans Talking English

"Then I heard what I thought were Americans talking and coming nearer and I felt it was a troop coming. I nearly yelled at them when I saw they were Mexicans talking English. The same procedure was repeated as with the first lot, save that this bunch was led by horses and mules they had looted. We could see them light the lamp and calmly loot the house, but I could not fire or it would have brought them all down upon us and a pistol has no show against 30 or 50 rifles. I knew it would only be a short time till they would come back or break in the house and come looking for us, so I decided I had to get Maude and the children out of the barn. I could not go to camp, for the Mexicans were between us and camp, so I risked going over the corral fence and run for the brushes (mesquite). I looked over the fence, which was adobe, and saw the nearest ones were about 50 yards away, so I ran back to the barn and got Maude and the children. I climbed over the fence and took the children, while Maude climbed over. But one shot was fired at us as we ran before we got behind the adobe house and finally to safety. But how Maude suffered. She had nothing but her night clothes, and her feet were cut and scratched by the briars and bushes.

#### Joined His Troop

"I stripped to give her my boots, but she could not use them, so my orderly took his off



and gave them to her and so, with Craig and R. E., I got them from what appeared certain death to apparent safety. I left them with two other ladies well hidden by the ward and then I started through the fire to join my troop. Again luck was with me and I was not hit, and joined my troop. We soon now had them in retreat as day was breaking. I asked Colonel S. to mount my troop and go after them. He at first refused, but finally Major Tompkins and I persuaded him to let us go, so with Maj. T. I left and we drove them back 15 miles into Mexico, into their main body. Maj. Tompkins sent me to flank them. I had 12 men; we only had 35 all told. As I started to close they reached, as stated above, the main body, and they came after us—about 900 of them—so we had to get out. So it really ended with us driving them 15 miles and then they forcing us to retreat.

#### First to Cross Line

"My troop was the first full troop to cross the line and we were later joined by troop F, and we two troops, under Major Tompkins, did the chasing into Mexico you have been reading of, and to my troop goes the honor of being the first to take up the pursuit of Villa across the line. Of course, Major Tompkins was the senior officer in charge. You may rest assured we did our best and did excellent work.

"I got back to Columbus at 2 p. m., and found Maude and the children safe, but her nerves were gone, and well they might, after her terrible experience. I went to the house and found everything of value gone. Clocks, books, rings and everything that was portable had been taken. We had nothing left but the few pieces we had on when we escaped from the house. All the children's clothes and valuables were gone. Father's watch I had in an old sack which they overlooked in throwing it on the floor. The only thing we escaped with was our lives and the others I hope to replace again some day."

#### YORKER RISES TO RANK OF U. S. ARMY COLONEL

Rudolph E. Smyser, Who Enlisted at Age 16,  
Wins Another Promotion

#### IS ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE

Among the nominations confirmed by the U. S. Senate on Dec. 11 was that of Lieut.-Col.

Rudolph E. Smyser, Q. M. C., to be colonel, quartermaster corps, with rank from Nov. 20, 1929.

Colonel Smyser is now located at Fort Bliss, Tex., where he is serving as post quartermaster, quartermaster of the First Cavalry Division and constructing quartermaster.

Colonel Smyser is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Smyser, of York. He began his military career when 16 years of age as a private in the U. S. Army during the war with Spain in 1898. He gained promotion rapidly and was soon commissioned a second lieutenant of volunteers. After that war he continued in the army and was sent to the Philippines and there won promotion to a first lieutenant for heroism on the field. He returned to the states, was assigned to a cavalry school at Fort Leavenworth, and, after a short period of training, was given a commission in the regular army in the cavalry arm.

Colonel Smyser was at Columbus, N. M., when the Mexican rebel, General Pancho Villa, attacked that town. He commanded the first troops that dashed into Mexico after the fleeing Villa and went with General Pershing on the expedition to the south of the Rio Grande. He served as a lieutenant-colonel with General Pershing in France during the World War. He took part in numerous battles including the fighting in the Argonne. Following the war he served with the army of occupation in Germany.

Colonel Smyser has won two U. S. war citations for gallantry in action, one in the Philippines and one in Mexico. He was also awarded the *croix de guerre*, a French decoration for bravery.

Colonel Smyser has been in the service more than 30 years and is eligible at the age of 47 to be placed on the retired list. At the time of his enlistment he was a member of the 1900 class of the York High School.

#### ANOTHER SON OF COL. R. E. SMYSER ENTERS WEST POINT

Craig Smyser, son of Colonel and Mrs. Rudolph E. Smyser, Q. M. C., has been designated by President Hoover for appointment to West Point and will enter with the class ordered to report at the military academy on July 1. A brother, Rudolph E. Smyser, Jr., was graduated at West Point two years ago.



Colonel Smyser is now stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. He is a former Yorker, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Smyser. He enlisted in the U. S. army, when a York High School boy, at the time of the Spanish-American War. He has had a remarkable career as a soldier. Colonel Smyser has had more than 30 years of service and is eligible to retire.

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8. JACOB GRANT SMYSER

Lives 360 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

m—Sept. 3, 1914 Marie Fahnsworth of Minneapolis, Minn.

*Children 2*

1. Jack Smyser, died young
2. Mary Jacqueline Smyser

9. ELLEN KATE SMYSER

—1917, Oct. 19

Lived York. Single

Book 3G—75—1917.

Ellen Kate Smyser, etc., etc.

ITEM: I give Lizzie Smyser Strawbridge \$1000.

ITEM: I give Edwin Strawbridge \$1000.

ITEM: I give Eliza McDonald Strawbridge \$1000.

ITEM: I give Brother Paul Smyser \$1000, and to his 3 children, Lewis Edwin Smyser \$1000, Lydia Margaret Smyser \$1000, Thomas Benton Smyser \$1000.

To niece Bessie Ellen Metzgar \$1000; to Edwin Webster Meisenhelter, third son of Dr. E. W., \$1000.

Residue to Pauline Smyser Paxton and Edwin Smyser Strawbridge, etc.

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## Anna Margaret Smyser

### 6th Child of Michael and Eliza

6. ANNA MARGARET SMYSER

Lived York

m—1853 David F. Williams

Jan. 28, 1823—1881, Oct. 14

He was a newspaper man, publisher and editor; United States collector of Internal Revenue for York district for several terms. President of York Co. Nat. Bank for a number of years

*Children 4*

1. Mary F. Williams, single
2. Annie Williams, single
3. Smyser Williams, Oct. 23, 1857—1920, July 10  
Lived York

Was educated at the York Co. Academy; graduated from the High School, class of 1873. Later entered Amherst College, left before the end of the course. Studied law with Thomas E. Cochran and William Hay; was admitted to the bar Sept. 15, 1879

Formed a partnership May 13, 1888 with Richard Cochran under firm name of Cochran and Williams.

Was referee in bankruptcy, 1898-1901.

At the time of his death, he was vice-president of the York Trust Co., in charge of the Trust Department. He was a director of the York Nat. Bank and secretary of the York Water Co. Lake Williams was named for him by the York Water Co., in honor of his faithful services as secretary

m—Henrietta Charlotte Hersh, daug. of G. Edward and wife Charlotte Eleanor Hamilton Cox, who were m—Apr. 25, 1854. G. Edward Hersh was president of the York Nat. Bank, 1879-1895. His wife was the third daug. of Joshua Cox and his wife Charlotte Barnitz, and was born in Durnmanway, Ireland, Apr. 15, 1826

Mrs. Smyser Williams took an active part in civic affairs.



She was member of the Girls' Club Auxiliary of the York Hospital.

Regent several years of the Yorktowne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Also held the office of Vice Regent of Pennsylvania D. A. R. At the close of her term of office as Vice Regent, she positively declined to run for the office of Regent of the State.

She was extremely fine looking, full of vivacity and charm.

*Children 2*

1. Henry Culbert Williams, Apr. 20, 1876—1911, Nov. 12
2. Eleanor Hamilton Williams, lives York  
m—Apr. 24, 1906 William Brown Billmeyer

*Children 2*

1. William Brown Billmeyer, Jr.,  
b Jan. 5, 1907
2. Henrietta Williams Billmeyer,  
student Y. C. I.
4. John Eliot Williams, b 1868, bachelor  
Member Lafayette and Country Clubs  
Manufacturer of men's and boys' shirts  
under firm name of J. E. Williams & Co.

7. ELLEN SMYSER (OF MICHAEL, OF JACOB)  
Feb. 20, 1833—1872, Apr. 2  
Lived York, Pa.; Staten Island and New York City, N. Y.  
m—Rev. F. F. Hagen, Moravian minister, of York

From the records of the Moravian Church:

With the advent of Rev. Francis F. Hagen a new era of spiritual interest and numerical growth dawns for the congregation.

This pastorate began at the time of the great epidemic of cholera which spread through Southern Pennsylvania in 1855, etc., etc.

This good and faithful pastor found time between his strenuous ministries to court the affections of a daughter of the congregation, Ellen Smyser, to whom he was united in marriage.

The Rev. F. F. Hagen was appointed to membership on the Provincial Elders Conference of the Northern Moravian Church in America.

Just a few days before Mrs. Hagen died she felt so strong a desire to accompany her husband, Rev. F. F. Hagen, to the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening that her family consented to it in spite of a serious ailment, and she died on the following Tuesday morning.

*Children 3*

1. William T. Hagen, b Mar. 25, 1865
2. Rev. Ernest Smyser Hagen, D.D., b May 1, 1866
3. Harry Rice Hagen, b May 19, 1870
2. REV. ERNST (ERNEST) SMYSER HAGEN  
Called to minister to the Moravian Church at York, where his father had so acceptably served years before. This was one of the happiest of pastorates

He entered upon his ministry Wed., Apr. 21, 1897. Until Oct. 1, 1901, there was a net gain of 40 communicants and an increase in contributions to missions of 400 per cent., while the resources for the expenses of the congregation were more than doubled; also a new Kimball organ was installed.

Rev. Hagen left York for Lititz, Pa.

Later Rev. Hagen became president of the Provincial Elders at Bethlehem, Pa., June 17, 1927. Do not know just how long he has held the office.

Ref.: Orphans' Court, York, Pa.

Book 3G—270—1886, June 16.

Estate coming to the Hagens from their grandfather Michael Smyser 2nd. Wm. F. Hagen received \$8,197.50; Rev. Ernst Smyser Hagen \$8,167.76; Harry Rice Hagen \$8,053.76; making a total of \$24,419.02. Plus two other balances of \$345.03 each and \$115.04 each.

8. ELIZA SMYSER (OF MICHAEL, OF JACOB)  
May 12, 1838—1892  
Lived York, Pa.; Des Moines, Iowa; etc.  
m—Dec. 1, 1868 Rev. Samuel Bacon Barnitz, D.D. (May 12, 1838—1902, June 12), son of Samuel McLean Barnitz and wife Sarah Demuth  
For many years he was prominent in the Lutheran Church  
Died at Des Moines, Iowa

### *Children 3*

1. Sue List Barnitz, single
2. Sarah Eliza Barnitz, m—Rev. Simon
3. Samuel Smyser Barnitz

Dr. Barnitz married a second time to Eliza Park, of Martin's Ferry, Ohio

#### 9. DR. HENRY L. SMYSER

Dec. 8, 1825—1900, Sept. 6, in 74th year  
Lived York

In 1844 he began the study of medicine under Dr. James W. Kerr; in 1847 graduated from the University of Pennsylvania

Joined the Forty-niners to California; returned in 2 years by the long and tedious route of Panama.

In 1855 he went to Europe and attached himself as Sergeant-Major of the Russian Army, through the Crimean War. At the close of the war, for distinguished services, Alexander II, Czar of Russia, decorated him with the medal of St. Stanislaus.

Returned to York.

He was a physician of a high order.

In 1862 he enlisted in the Civil War. He was assigned to permanent work in the Army Hospital, at York, on the commons now lovely Penn Park.

He developed a weak heart and on Sept. 6, 1900, he died at his home, 30 South Beaver St. m—1860 Emma E. Rieman, daug. of Associate Judge John Rieman

### *Children 2*

1. Ella Nora Smyser
2. John Rieman Smyser

#### 1. ELLA NORA SMYSER

m—1887 Robert Cabeen Bair, Esq. (Apr. 27, 1856—), Lower Chanceford Twp.  
He was in business 1878-1891 with his father, John Bair

He then took up law in the office of Silas H. Forry. Was admitted to the bar Jan 7, 1899

### *Children 4*

1. Bruen S. Bair, b 1888
2. Henry Smyser Bair, b Apr. 2, 1889
3. John R. Bair, b 1890
4. Robert A. Bair, b 1893

#### 2. JOHN RIEMAN SMYSER

—1920, Dec. 16

Druggist and one time member of the Common Council of Philadelphia  
m—Mary G.

Book 3I—60—. Philadelphia, Pa.

Last Will of J. Rieman Smyser, made Mar. 12, 1919. Prob. Dec. 23, 1920.

ITEM 2: I devise, bequeath to my nephew Henry Smyser Bair \$5,000.

ITEM 3: I devise, bequeath to my two step-daughters Marie and Ethel each the sum of \$10,000.

ITEM 4: All residue and remainder to my wife Mary G. Smyser.

Lastly, I appoint my wife Mary G. Smyser executrix and Marie and Ethel my step-daughters.

Mary G. Smyser, 4933 Catherine St., Philadelphia, Marie E. Willard, and Ethel G. Morley renounced their rights as executors.

## Israel Smyser

2nd Child of Jacob, 1765-1848

#### 2. ISRAEL SMYSER

1803—1849

Lived York

Tanner

m—Matilda Ebert, daug. of Daniel and his wife Susan Ernst, daug. of Corporal John Ernst of Rev. War, hatter of Bottstown

John Ernst is a descendant of the Baron von Ernst, of Germany.

The von Ernst Bible descended to Philetus Forry Wilt. After his death, his widow gave the Bible to his niece Amanda L. Xanders, because she is the only one in the family interested in genealogy.



Daniel Ebert was a well-to-do farmer, and his death or murder has ever remained a mystery. He went to Baltimore, Md., and drew from a bank there a large amount of money, and that is the last known of him.

Israel Smyser died a comparatively young man, in the very prime of life.

#### *Children 7*

1. Sabina Eve (Celinda) Smyser, Dec. 18, 1827—1910, Jan 24
2. Margaret Ann Smyser, 1825—1880
3. Charles Edward Smyser, June 1830—1911
4. Rebecca E. Smyser, 1835—1859, single
5. Daniel Ebert Smyser, 1837—1859, single
6. George M. Smyser, June 11, 1842—
7. Henry C. Smyser, 1844—1916, May 9

#### 1. SABINA EVE (CELINDA) SMYSER

After marriage moved to Philadelphia  
m—John Frederick Stine, Easter Sunday morning

Apr. 22, 1824—1905, Apr. 22

#### *Children 5*

1. Annie Stine
2. Emma Eve Stine, —1928  
Lived Philadelphia  
m—Lieut. William H. Smyser, a cousin of his wife  
No issue

### WIDOW OF VETERAN REVEALS ROMANCE

Former York Girl Tells of Her Experiences  
in Four Wars

#### IS NOW A WRITER

(From The Philadelphia North American)

With the traditional charm of the colonial beauty who danced in the graceful lancers and cotillons of long ago in her every gesture and word, Mrs. Emma Smyser, 76-year-old widow of Lieutenant William H. Smyser, one of the organizers of the York Rifles, part of the first defenders of Pennsylvania in the Civil War, told her life story yesterday.

"I have been through four wars," she said simply in her modest little home, 1402 York street. "I was a school girl in York, Pa., during the Civil War and worked with the other children under the direction of Miss Margaret Hays, who was detailed to

York to arouse the community to knit and furnish clothing and food to the Union soldiers at the front—a work similar to that of the canteen girls in the great war."

Just like a golden fairy story is the romance of her girlhood, and then she showed her picture as she appeared in them, in a quaint dress of that period. It was easier to see the traces today of the jacquemint hue of her lips and cheeks and the azure lights in her eyes as she told of the handsome soldier lover, Major Robert Ellerbeck, of General Meade's staff, who came galloping up on his steed that day the day she wore the Alice blue dress with its ruffles that touched her ankles, the day the picture was made and of her promise to be his bride when the war ended, and of his death on what was to have been their wedding day.

Following the shattered romance of her girlhood, she married her mother's cousin, Lieutenant William H. Smyser, of the York Rifles, who was decorated for his bravery while with that organization April 19, 1861. She still holds sacred the medal of which he was so proud.

She is descended from the pre-revolutionary founders of York, and one of her ancestors, Colonel Michael Smyser, served in the colonial assembly and later in the continental congress. Her grandfather, Captain John Sharpe, of revolutionary fame, was presented by Lafayette with a French holster pistol, mounted in gold. He had rescued the marquis when the latter was thrown from his horse in the retreat at White Marsh. The full name of the marquis is engraved on the old flintlock, which looks like the weapon of a pirate, and is now one of her most treasured possessions.

For more than twenty-five years she was employed by the Frankford Arsenal, during which time, in the emergencies of the Spanish-American War and the outbreak in Mexico and later in the World War, she worked day and night. For this service she was one of 6000 to be awarded a diploma from the ordnance department.

She had just completed a scenario and also a book on psychoanalysis. The latter deals with the transmission of thought from



spirits to earth beings. She has written hundreds of poems, among them one dedicated to the late John Wanamaker, another to Princess Mary, which she sent to her on her wedding day, and one to Woodrow Wilson, in which she reviewed his life work.

In the writing of these there is a certain mysterious element involved, which those versed in psychogony would doubtless call a "complex."

Her inspirations come only at the hour of midnight, and while the muse is at her elbow she writes like mad, but the moment she pauses for breath it is gone and she is left bewildered and at a loss to understand the strange visitation. She says she wonders sometimes if this grey-eyed soldier who won the first love of her life doesn't return to her in spirit and keep alive the spirit of youth in her heart and mind.

Mrs. Smyser, whose name previous to her marriage was Emma Eva Stine, was the first girl in Pennsylvania to have a pair of skates, she said. She was taught to skate on an old Indian creek by Major Ellerbeck, her fiance, who brought the skates to her from Canada. She has lived in Philadelphia fifty-three years. Her education was acquired in the early days at Prince Academy, of York.

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3. Nellie Stine
  4. Robert Stine
  5. Fred Stine

2. MARGRET ANN SMYSER  
1825—1880  
Lived York  
m—David Gartman

*Children 5*

1. Mary Gartman
2. George Gartman
3. Lucy Gartman
4. Robert William Gartman
5. Charlie Gartman

1. MARY GARTMAN  
Lived York  
m—Joseph U. Test  
Died while on a visit with his son Harry in California. He was in his eighties  
Buried Prospect Hill Cemetery

*Children 5*

1. George Test
2. Harry Test, lives California
3. Bruce Test
4. Jess Test, died young
5. Mary Test, m—George Dryden

2. GEORGE GARTMAN

m 1st—Elizabeth Moore

*Children 2*

1. Annie Moore Gartman
2. Mary Edna Gartman

m 2nd—Mary Harman

*Child 1*

1. George Edward Gartman

3. LUCY GARTMAN

m—Joseph C. Croll

*Children 2*

1. Nita Croll
2. Ralph Croll, lives in Philadelphia

4. ROBERT WILLIAM GARTMAN

Jan. 31, 1856—1928, Feb. 28

Lived 518 South George St., York

m—Apr. 22, 1877 Elizabeth Immel (Apr. 13, 1855—1923, May 29)

They were married by Rev. Aaron Spangler, minister of the Reformed Church

*Children 3*

1. Margaret Elizabeth Gartman, single
2. Frederick William Gartman
3. Bessie May Gartman, single

2. FREDERICK WILLIAM GARTMAN

Nov. 12, 1882—1921, May 3

Lived York

Vice-president and general foreman of the York Electric Machine Co.

Was affiliated with York Lodge No. 266, Free and Accepted Order of Masons; Howell Chapter No. 199, Royal Arch Masons; York Council No. 21, Select Master Masons; York Commandery No. 21, Knights Templar  
m—Maude E. Wiest, daug. Jacob L. and wife Emma K. Greiman

No issue

5. CHARLIE GARTMAN (OF MARGRET ANN SMYSER)

m 1st—Anna Deardorf

No issue

m 2nd—Mrs. Lillie Gachenour

No issue

3. CHARLES EDWARD SMYSER (OF ISRAEL)  
1830—1911  
Lived Dover Twp., York Co.  
He was in the Civil War, Co. H, 200th Reg.,  
Penna. Infantry  
m—Dec. 7, 1858 Susan C. Spangler, daug. of  
Rudolph and wife Sarah Harbaugh  
No issue

7. HENRY C. SMYSER  
1844—1916, May 9  
Lived York  
Lumber merchant  
For 15 yrs. he clerked for Hiram Young's  
book store  
In 1878 he became associated with John M.  
Brown in the lumber business under the firm  
name of Brown & Smyser; continued in that  
business 26 yrs.  
In 1904 retired to 729 South George St.; died  
there  
m—Jan. 1, 1861 Isabella C. Vandersloot,  
daug. of Rev. F. W. and his wife Mary  
Witman

Mrs. Smyser has been a widow many years;  
still living in 1931, very active for her years of  
over four score. No one enjoys social affairs  
more than she does; loves equally to enter-  
tain and to be entertained. She is quite a  
talker and really a very remarkable lady for  
her years (86); rather small and slender.

### MRS. SMYSER HOSTESS

GIVES DINNER AND "AT HOME" IN CELEBRATION  
OF HER 85TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Isabel C. Smyser, 729 South George  
street, celebrated her 85th birthday anniversary  
by entertaining a number of guests at dinner last  
evening. Following the dinner Mrs. Smyser was  
hostess to an "at home" when about 75 of her  
friends called to offer their best wishes and con-  
gratulations.

The Smyser home was filled with many beauti-  
ful flowers sent by the many friends of Mrs.  
Smyser. She was also the recipient of other  
beautiful gifts. Included among those in at-  
tendance were guests from Philadelphia and  
Reading.

### Child 1

1. Mary M. Smyser, single. Lives with her  
mother

Release.

Book 3U—466—1848.

Matilda Smyser, widow of Israel of York,  
dec., and her children who are the heirs at  
law of said Israel, she relinquished all right  
to dower, etc., for valuable consideration to  
piece of ground N. E. corner of Phila. and  
Penn Sts., 1½ acres etc., release, said heirs  
from all claim. David Gartman and Mar-  
garet Ann his wife; Frederick Stine and wife  
Celinda; Charles Edward Smyser; Rebecca;  
Daniel; George and Henry C. Smyser.

## Henry Smyser

7th Child of Jacob Smyser 1765—1848

7. DR. HENRY SMYSER  
Lived York, Gettysburg, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Died in Pittsburgh  
m—Apr. 16, 1829 at Carlisle, Pa., to Mary  
Fahnestock of that place

### Children 2

1. Benjamin Rush Smyser
2. Jacob Henry Smyser

Book U—51—1848.

Will of Jacob Smyser, Tanner.

I Jacob Smyser of York, Penna., etc.

ITEM:—To my wife Anna Margaret the  
house we now live in, adjoining my son  
Michael Smyser on the West, on the East  
my other property, also all my silverware,  
all my dividends on my York Bank stock,  
all the rent from house occupied by D. M. Et-  
tinger. Wants his wife to live in comfort  
and ease, etc., etc.

ITEM:—To son Michael: To children of  
son Israel Smyser, etc., disposes of gold and  
silver bonds, etc., share and share alike.



ITEM:—To Daniel Baymiller during his life time, the house he now lives in—no rent, but to keep it in good repair.

ITEM:—To my wife's niece Catherine Yessler, now married to George Fisher Yessler,

\$20, for faithful attendance during a long spell of sickness, to show my appreciation of her kindness to me.

Executors sons Michael and Henry.

## Mary Smyser

### 5th Child of Colonel John Michael and Anna Maria

5. MARY SMYSER  
m—George Ness

6. MICHAEL SMYSER 2ND  
Jan. 5, 1778—1845, Sept. 23  
West Manchester Twp., Pa.  
m—Anna Mary Wolf (Nov. 23, 1783—1864,  
Sept. 9. 80—9—16), daug. of—  
*Children 10*

1. Lydia Smyser, 1803—1862
2. Daniel Smyser, 1807—
3. Michael Smyser 3rd, 1810—
4. Henry Smyser, 1812—
5. Sarah Smyser, 1815—
6. Alexander Smyser, 1817—1901
7. William Smyser, 1820—
8. George Smyser, 1822—
9. Mary Smyser, 1825 or 1804
10. Susan Smyser, died young

Michael Smyser was a farmer and tavern keeper

His Will.

Book S—504. Probated 1845. Made 1843.

I Michael Smyser, 65 yrs. old, West Manchester Twp., etc.

ITEM: To wife Mary, household things, etc., etc., and int. of \$5000.

ITEM: To my youngest daughter Sarah shall be charged \$300, and two years after Sarah's marriage executors to pay her 2000 to make her even with her sisters.

My mansion house, my dwelling plantation and tract of land and all buildings; 192 acres and 6 perch, I designate No. 1. Value \$9,950.

Other tract called Brubaker Place, 169 acres and 4 perch, No. 2, \$8,450. My son

Alexander to have first choice; then son William, then youngest son George Smyser.

To son Henry the tract of land whereon he now lives, 194 acres 52 perch, I charge him with \$8,000.

Each daughter received a marriage dower of \$2,300.

Lydia married Jacob Bott;

Mary married Samuel Johnston;

If wife Mary prefers to live in York, executors must purchase her a house. He has 9 children namely Lydia; Mary; Daniel; Michael, Jr.; Henry; Alexander; William, George; Sarah; share and share alike.

Executors, sons Daniel and Michael, and son-in-law Jacob Bott.

1. LYDIA SMYSER

Feb. 8, 1803—1862, Sept. 4

Lived Jackson Twp., Pa.

m—1823 to Jacob Bott

Feb. 5, 1799—1884, Jan. 19, Wolf's Church records

#### *Children 4*

1. Mary Bott, lived

m—Samuel Emig

#### *Children 2*

1. Sarah Emig, single

2. Isabelle Emig, m—Edward Rebert

2. Susan Bott, lived Springettsbury Twp., Pa., m—Eli Ebert, son of Michael

#### *Children 3*

1. Albert Ebert, lived , m—Clara Loucks, daug. of Jacob

2. Annie Ebert, lived , m—Allen Ebert, son of

#### *Child 1*

1. Flora Ebert

3. Ida V. Ebert, lived Manchester Twp., m—George Rutter

3. Kate or Catherine Bott, lived

m—Emanuel Spangler

2. MARY SMYSER

Lived Jackson Twp., Pa.

m—Samuel Johnston

*Children 2*

1. Allen Johnston

2. Jennie Johnston, m—William S. Smyser,  
son of George, of York

*Children 2*

1. Susan Smyser, m—Charles Small

2. William Smyser

2. DANIEL SMYSER (OF MICHAEL 2ND)

Sept. 13, 1807—1878, Jan. 10 on tombstone;  
other record gives his birthday as May 20

Lived W. Manchester Twp. where he was  
born; moved to Jackson Twp., and finally to  
York

He and his wife are buried in Prospect Hill  
Cemetery (See Eyster line)

m—Catherine Wiest, daug. of John and wife  
Elizabeth Eyster. She was born 1811; died  
1886, June 8. 75—6—3

*Children 5*

1. John Smyser, 1838

2. Mary Smyser

3. Michael D. Smyser

4. Alexander D. Smyser

5. Louise or Lucy Smyser

1. JOHN SMYSER

Sept. 1861—

Lived York

m—Caroline Bott, daug. of Henry and wife  
Gross—and her mother a Smyser m—to  
Samuel Gross

1839—1918. 79—1—9

*Children 3*

1. Karvan A. Smyser

2. Edward C. Smyser

3. Alice (or Annie) Catherine Smyser

John Smyser was born on a farm near Thomas-  
ville, York Co., Pa.; m—Mar. 12, 1861 Caro-  
line Bott. She was born on a farm now known  
as Bott's Station, in West Manchester Twp.  
They moved on a farm on the Berlin Road,  
Dover Twp., Sept. 1861

1. KARVAN A. SMYSER

Lives 758 West Market St., York

m 1st—Anna A. Menges

1870—1916

*Children 4*

1. Wilbur Henry Smyser, farmer, Dover  
Twp.

2. Roman John Smyser, Los Angeles,  
Calif., single, in 1931 at home

3. Mary M. Smyser, single

4. Virgin Smyser

m—John Roth of York

1. WILBUR HENRY SMYSER

Dover Twp., farmer

m—Mar. 21, 1915 Elsie May Joseph, daug. of  
Jacob and wife Anna Rice

*Children 10*

1. Richard Karvan Smyser

2. Helen Louise Smyser

3. Anna May Smyser

4. Albert Henry Smyser

5. Kenneth Joseph Smyser

6. Clair Jacob Smyser

7. Ruth Elizabeth Smyser

8. Betty Jane Smyser

9. Mary Ellen Smyser

10. Norma Jean Smyser, 3 months old May  
1931

1. KARVAN A. SMYSER (OF JOHN)—Continued

m 2nd—Cora Perigo

No issue

2. EDWARD CALVIN SMYSER

Lives 838 Penna. Ave., near Carlisle

m—Aug. 23, 1885 Susan Elizabeth Weaver,  
daug. of George and wife Catherine Kimmel

*Children 5*

1. Fairy Elma Smyser

2. Warren Ellsworth Smyser, died infancy

3. Erwin Ammon Smyser

4. Walter George Smyser

5. Earl Chester Smyser

1. FAIRY ELMA SMYSER

Lives Edinburg, Texas. It is the gateway  
to the Rio Grande Valley where all the  
earliest vegetables come from, as well as  
oranges and grapefruit

m—May 1911 Dr. Curtis John Hamme, son of  
Augustus and wife Laura

*Children 3*

1. Ralph E. Hamme, student at the South-  
ern University of Texas, at Georgetown

2. Lorne Hamme, 2 yrs. Edinburg College

3. Mae E. Hamme, in the High School



Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Smyser have visited their daughter in Texas 3 times (1927, 1929, and over the holidays 1930-1931). They have travelled through the Dakotas and Florida

3. ERWIN AMMON SMYSER

Lives West Manchester Twp.

m—May 1910 Annie Jennetta Zinn, daug. of Edward and wife Amanda

*Children 7*

1. Irene Ameda Smyser
2. Floyd Edward Smyser
3. Eugene Erwin Smyser
4. Edgar John Smyser
5. Ruthanna Smyser
6. Carl Zinn Smyser
7. Steward Leroy Smyser

4. WALTER GEORGE SMYSER

Tree surgeon for the Bartlett Co.

Bachelor

He was sergeant in the World War, having spent one year at the front in France

5. EARL CHESTER SMYSER

m—Feb. 20, 1926 Alverta Ellen Snyder, daug. of William E. of Yoe, York Co., and wife Malinda Ellen

*Children 2*

1. Earl Chester Smyser, Jr.
2. Gerald Fillmore Smyser

Earl Chester Smyser was also in the World War as sergeant

3. ALICE (OR ANNIE) CATHERINE SMYSER (OF JOHN)

Lives York

m—Jacob Herman Smyser, treasurer York Dispatch, son of Daniel and wife Sarah Ann Herman

*Child 1*

1. Carrie Smyser, m—Harvey L. Lehman of Wrightsville. Moved to Lancaster, Pa., where he is foreman in a silk mill Live 14 Race St.  
1 *Child*, a boy

2. MARY SMYSER (OF DANIEL)

Lived Emigsville, Mar. 19, 1840—1899, Dec. 26

m—Andrew J. Myers

Feb. 6, 1833—1901, Dec. 13

*Children 7*

1. Lillie Ellen Myers, Nov. 10, 1860—1868, Nov. 29
2. Mary Jane Myers, Dec. 5, 1862—
3. Allen Nevin Myers, Sept. 24, 1865—1890, Sept. 3
4. Lucy Smyser Myers, Dec. 27, 1867—1930, Dec. 6
5. Curvin William Myers, Oct. 24, 1872—
6. Minnie May Myers, Feb. 17, 18—
7. Daisy Catherine Myers, died infancy

2. MARY JANE MYERS

m—June 19, 1881 Caleb Low Wogan, son of John Hay Wogan and wife Mary Wolf, farmer of East Manchester

Retired to York

They were married in Maytown, Lancaster Co.

*Children 5*

1. Gracc Myers Wogan
2. John Andrew Wogan
3. Paul Emmet Wogan
4. Florence Wogan
5. Sara Wolf Wogan, at home, b Aug. 15, 1904; operator York Safe and Lock Co.

(It is to Mrs. Caleb Low Wogan, who lives 43 East 7th Ave., and her daug. and daug.-in-law that I am indebted for the completion of the line of Mary J. Smyser who m—Andrew J. Myers. We met quite by accident at the funeral of D. Albert Smyser, when I was assigned to their car to go to Wolf's Church for the services.)

1. GRACE MYERS WOGAN

m 1st—Walter Bletcher, son of Hamilton and wife Elizabeth

*Child 1*

1. Edwin Lee Bletcher

m 2nd—Arthur Campbell from Mullan, Idaho, where they live

2. JOHN ANDREW WOGAN

Jan. 12, 1890—

Automobile salesman

Member B. P. O. E.

m—Dec. 26, 1916 Martha May Yinger

*Child 1*

1. Elizabeth Jane (Betty) Wogan, b Nov. 3, 1924

3. PAUL EMMIT (OR EMMET) WOGAN

b Feb. 16, 1895

Graduated from York High School, class of 1913

Lives Waukegan, Ill.

Petty officer in the U. S. Navy.

Has charge of the Great Lakes' Training Station on Lake Michigan

m—Edith Huhn

4. FLORENCE ESTELLA WOGAN

b May 16, 1899

Lives York

m—Dec. 31, 1924 Carl Zeigler Redding

Linotype operator for the Carlisle, Pa., Sentinel

3. ALLEN NEVIN MYERS (OF MARY SMYSER)

Sept. 24, 1865—1890, Sept. 3. 24—11—7

m—Minnie Gruver

*Children 2*

1. Edward J. Myers, died young

2. Chauncy A. Myers, died young

Minnie Gruver-Myers m 2nd—John Baughman

No issue

4. LUCY SMYSER MYERS

Lived York and Harrisburg, Pa.

m—Charlie Spangler, son of the Rev. Aaron Spangler and wife Agnes Menges

Railroad employee

*Child 1*

1. Mary Catherine Spangler, lives Harrisburg, Pa.

m—Adolph D. Vogelback, railroad employee

5. CURVIN WILLIAM MYERS

b Oct. 24, 1872 York

Employee Wall Paper Co.

m—Sallie King, Oct. 9, 1871

*Children 2*

1. Howard Wogan Myers, b Nov. 5, 1892, m—Estella Latchaw

*Children 3*

1. Curvin W. Myers, b Mar. 25, 1915

2. Charles R. Myers

3. Mildred Irene Myers

2. Raymond K. Myers, Sept. 10, 1907

m—Annie Oberdick

*Child 1*

1. Jean Myers, b Dec. 9, 1930

6. MINNIE MAY MYERS

Lives Red Lion, Pa.

m—Thomas Waughtel

Cigar manufacturer

*Children 2*

1. Hilda Waughtel, m—Claire Dietz

2. Kenneth Waughtel, student at Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa.

3. MICHAEL D. SMYSER (OF DANIEL)

Mar. 27, 1842—

Lived Jackson Twp. and Spring Grove

m—Apr. 15, 1866 to Magdalena Menges, daug. of Henry and wife Anna Gross, daug. of Andrew and wife Caroline Shanebrook, son of John and wife Magdalena Lau

Ref.: Prowell's History, Biog. of York Co., page 1047.

*Children 4*

1. Henry Howard Smyser

2. Edith Ellen Smyser

3. Andrew William Smyser

4. Ada Mary Smyser

Michael D. Smyser was in the Civil War, a member of Co. H, 200th Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. He was at Butlers Point, etc., Ft. Stedman, surrender of Petersburg and of General Lee. Honorably discharged at close of war. He owned valuable real estate in Spring Grove

Gibson's History gives Magdalena Menges as daug. of Andrew and wife Caroline Klinepeter.

1. HENRY HOWARD SMYSER

Lived West Market St., York

m—Elma K. Sunday, daug. of John M. and wife Ida K. Atticks. No issue

2. EDITH ELLEN SMYSER

Lives Spring Grove, Pa.

m—George F. Eyster, son of John Ammon Eyster and wife Louisa F. Glatfelter

*Child 1*

1. Eugene Smyser Eyster, lives Spring Grove, Pa.

m—Florence Hershey

*Children 2*

1. Magdalena Eyster

2. George Eyster

3. ANDREW WILLARD SMYSER

Lived Spring Grove and York, Pa.

m—June 12, 1894 Flora K. Bott, daug. of William H. Bott and wife Lucy Hoke

*Child 1*

1. Maurice B. Smyser; he was 1st lieut. in the World War. Saw eleven months'



service in France, 79th Division under General Kuhns

m—May 11, 1918 Mary Elizabeth Brunhouse, daug. of Frederick and wife Annie Smyser

*Children 2*

1. William A. Smyser
2. Mary Elizabeth Smyser

4. ADA MARY SMYSER

Lives Spring Grove, Pa.

m—James C. Overmiller, son of Emanuel E., of Glen Rock

*Child 1*

1. Howard Andrew Overmiller, lives Spring Grove. Teacher of History in the York High School for eight years in 1930  
m—June 19, 1924 Helen Bear, daug. of Allen (of Jacob) and wife Annie Runkle

4. ALEXANDER D. SMYSER (OF DANIEL)

Apr. 3, 1848—1911, Jan. 19

Lived West Manchester Twp. and York, Pa.

m 1st—1869 Louisa Jane Yost, daug. of Peter F. Yost and wife Sarah A. Bott

Apr. 3, 1848—1880, aged 32 yrs.

*Child 1*

1. Clayton A. Smyser, lives Phila. St., York  
m—Georgia Kissinger of Columbia, Pa.

m 2nd—May 26, 1881 Amanda Metzel, daug. of George and wife Mary Fishel, of Dover Twp.

Lived 703 West Market St., York

Moved to 939 Linden Ave.

*Children 5*

1. Harry Elmer Smyser, died at 17 yrs.
2. Bertha J. Smyser, dec. in 1931
3. Twin, infant, dec.
4. Twin, infant, dec.
5. Alexander Daniel Smyser, Jr., died at 5 yrs.

Book XX—59—Made Dec. 17, 1910. Prob. Jan. 28, 1911.

Will of Alexander D. Smyser of York, Pa., etc., etc.

ITEM: All to my wife Amanda Smyser real, personal and mixed. After her death to my two children Clayton A. child of my 1st wife and Bertha J. of my 2nd wife, in two equal shares.

Executrix wife Amanda Smyser.

5. LOUISA (LUCY) A. SMYSER (OF DANIEL)

Lived Dover and York, Pa.

m—Dr. Jacob L. Gross, son of Samuel and wife Susan Smyser (of Jacob)

## Michael Smyser 3rd

### 3rd Child of Michael 2nd and Anna Mary

3. MICHAEL SMYSER 3RD

Feb. 22, 1810—1889, Nov. 18 (Death Book)

Lived West Manchester Twp. and York, Pa.

m—Mar. 20, 1836 Christiana Eisenhart; ceremony performed by the Rev. Jonathan Ruthrauff of Hanover, Pa.

She was born Oct. 13, 1818, and died 1903, Aug. 5

*Children 5*

1. Sarah Smyser
2. Mary Smyser
3. Lucy Smyser
4. Martin Smyser
5. William Smyser

1. SARAH SMYSER

Lived Spring Garden Twp. and York, Pa.

m—Dec. 2, 1856 Henry W. Beeler, by Rev. C. J. Dininger of York

*Children 2*

1. Mary Smyser Beeler  
m—Aug. 30, 1881  
Charles F. Bear, son of Jacob and wife Mary Winter  
Live York. No issue
2. Lillie Beeler, lives 487 West King St., York  
m—John M. Shure, paper manufacturer  
No issue

2. MARY SMYSER

Lived East Market St., York  
m—Ed. Brillinger

*Child 1*

1. Nettie Brillinger, single

3. LUCY SMYSER

Lives York

m—1867 Capt. William Henry Lanius

*Children 3*

1. Mary Smyser Lanius, m—Oct. 27, 1909  
Charles Norris Robinson, born in Germantown, Pa. He attended the Germantown Academy; also Lehigh University at Bethlehem, Pa.; read law Later in the bond business

Member Naval Reserves of Phila.; member National Guard; member Sons of the American Revolution; member Order of the Cincinnati, and of the Philadelphia Cricket Club, and University Club  
—1924, Apr. 10

Mary (Mame) S. Lanius-Robinson was a charter member of Yorktown Chapter D. A. R., and its first treasurer; also Regent of same Chapter of York  
Member of York Country Club and of the Woman's Club. No issue

2. Grace A. Lanius, —1907, Sept., m—  
July 11, 1901 John Littleton Dawson Black, —1907, Jan.

*Child 1*

1. Mary Dawson Black

3. Percy Lincoln Lanius, —1905, m—Sarah Margaret Stuck

*Children 2*

1. Margaret Percy Lanius
2. William Henry Lanius

Captain William H. Lanius, soldier, banker and for many years president of various corporate institutions of York, was born at Flushing, Long Island, Nov. 26, 1843, son of Henry and wife Angeline Miller

His father's ancestors were prominent in the Moravian Church and were among the earliest settlers west of the Susquehanna.

In 1731 they came to Philadelphia from Germany by way of Rotterdam in ship Pennsylvania Merchant. Later moved to Hellam Twp. in vicinity of Kreutz Creek, where their name is found on lists of taxables. In 1863 moved to York.

Christian Lanius, 1st child of Henry 2nd, born Sept. 16, 1773, was a wagon maker by trade; lived in York. In 1837 he was one of the organizers of York Co. Savings Institution, now the York Co. Bank. He was elected its first president, but declined the office.

He married (Sept. 17, 1797) Anna, daug. of Jacob and Barbara von Updegraf. Their daughter Elizabeth Lanius married Michael Smyser, etc., etc.

Henry Lanius, father of Capt. Wm. H., was born Sept. 20, 1809 at York; died 1879, June 26. For years was a prominent lumber merchant at York and Wrightsville; retired in 1871. He served as Chief Burgess of York, 1860-1861, during the stirring years at the beginning of the Civil War.

When the Columbia bridge was burned, June 28, 1863, by the Union forces to prevent the Confederates from crossing the river, the entire lumber yard of Henry Lanius was destroyed; a heavy loss, and no damages were ever paid by the Government. He was a member of the Board of Education for several years.

Married Angeline Miller. Capt. W. H. Lanius was their second child, educated at the York Co. Academy, where he excelled as a student.

On Aug. 25, 1861, at 17 years of age, he joined Co. A, 87th Regiment, Penna. Volunteers, under command of Col. George Hay. He received repeated promotions, until he became captain. After his honorable discharge, Oct. 13, 1864, he was appointed an agent of a special bureau of the U. S. Treasury Department to receive and dispose of captured, abandoned and confiscated property.

He was in the lumber business 7 years, 1871-1878. In 1884 organized the West End Insurance Co. Dec. 1888 he was chosen president of Baltimore and Harrisburg R. R., later controlled by the Western Maryland. In 1886 organizer of the York Street Railway as president. First president of Board of Trade in 1886. Trustee York Co. Academy. Charter member York Co. Historical Society. Member Loyal Legion and Masonic Order.

See Encyclopedia of Biography, volume 1, pages 78-82.



## 14,000 TREATED AT YORK WAR HOSPITAL

### Historian Tells of Visit There Escorted by Captain Lanius

#### LOCATED ON COMMON

There were three commissioned officers in the dining room of the Tremont House on that eventful Saturday late in October, 1864, when I made my first visit to York, referred to in a previous article. Two of these soldiers wore the epaulets of a colonel, and the other those of a captain. After the dinner, we noticed another young captain entering into a conversation with them in the sitting room of the hotel. These noted soldiers had been sent to York by the war department to inspect the United States hospital, which had been established on the York Common in the year 1862. They had just concluded their visit, and were preparing to take the train back to Washington. After they had entered the high cab, later owned by the National hotel for many years, the young captain returned to the sitting room.

#### First Met Captain Lanius

My companion, the boy who was three years older than I, introduced my father, uncle and myself to the young soldier from York as Captain William H. Lanius of the 87th Pennsylvania Volunteers. That was my first acquaintance with a gentleman who, for nearly half a century later, was one of the leading citizens of York, interested in advancing every measure intended to promote the public welfare of the city.

"I understand you want to visit the U. S. hospital?" This was the question Captain Lanius asked, and then offered to take us there. His regiment had just completed four years of service in the Union army, and, owing to his aptitude for military affairs, had been appointed an aide on brigade staff.

In the battle of Monocacy, fought near Frederick, Maryland, Aug. 4, 1864, Captain Lanius was ordered by General Lew Wallace, commander of all the Union forces in that battle, to carry an order to the colonels of the Sixth New York, and the 87th Pennsylvania, to move forward and meet the enemy at a strategic point in the contest. The captain rode on horseback rapidly, delivered his orders, but upon returning to headquarters, while passing through a volley

of musketry, both horse and rider fell. The Captain received only a flesh wound in the right arm. He returned home for one month to recuperate, but had gone back and, only a few weeks before we met him, had taken part in the thrilling engagement of the battle of Winchester. It was in this contest that Sheridan defeated and routed Early, commanding a large division of Lee's Army in the Shenandoah Valley.

"It is only three squares to the hospital," said the Captain, and we moved out South Beaver street, and there observed the barracks. These buildings were now used as a United States hospital by authority of the government at Washington. Simon Cameron, a member of Lincoln's cabinet, had directed this hospital to be stationed at York two and a half years before.

According to records before me, found in the "Cartridge Box," a weekly paper published by authority of the hospital, 1700 wounded soldiers had been moved to York after the battle of Gettysburg, fought one year before. In May, 1864, 1500 sick and wounded soldiers were brought here from field hospitals in Virginia, and other records state that a month later 1000 wounded soldiers were sent here from Spotsylvania and Cold Harbor, two of the hardest fought battles in Grant's Campaign against Lee defending Richmond in the month of June.

Most of these soldiers were still being treated in the hospital. Some of them belonged to the Invalid Corps, and were receiving drill and discipline for they had nearly recovered. Others were still being treated by trained surgeons of the hospital corps. Surgeon Palmer, a native of Ohio and a former soldier of the regular army, had charge of the hospital work. His assistants were Doctors H. L. Smyser, J. W. Kerr, Samuel J. Rouse and Jacob Hay, of York.

Doctor A. R. Blair had just returned from one year's service in the field hospitals down in Virginia and in Washington City, and had been made executive officer of the York hospital by appointment of the secretary of war. In 1860, Doctor Blair had been elected superintendent of public schools of York County and had visited the school I attended in Fairview in 1862. He taught the third reader class in school, and spent the night at our home.

Doctor Blair recognized all of us as we entered the hall, and showed us through the different





CAPTAIN WILLIAM HENRY LANUS





departments of the hospital. When the number of 3000 soldiers were there, the barracks would not accommodate all of them, and large tents were erected.

#### Saw 800 At Dinner

"We must go into the dining hall," said Captain Lanius, and this was to us a real curiosity. The hall extended through the barracks nearly the distance of a square. Along the mess table in this hall sat 800 soldiers eating their midday meal, and Doctor Blair then told us the same number had dined at this table twice before; the first beginning at 12 o'clock noon. A miniature railroad carried the provisions along the table, frequently stopping for the hungry boys to unload the precious food. The soldiers were given the best of food, and nearly all whom we saw were returned to their regiments in the field, or those permanently injured, discharged and sent home.

The United States hospital at York was continued from the spring of 1862 until midsummer 1865. The war had then ended. In all during the two and a half years that the hospital was kept at York, 14,000 sick and wounded soldiers received treatment. That may be information entirely new to many of the readers of my story. The scenes and incidents of that day left an impression on my mind never to be forgotten.

I must not forget to state that a chapel for religious worship was erected on the Public Common, near the barracks. Services were held on Wednesday evenings and either once or twice on Sundays. The Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown, who served for nearly two years as chaplain of the 87th regiment, organized in 1861, accepted the position of chaplain at the York hospital and remained there until it was removed. He was the father of J. Hay Brown, now of Lancaster, who recently retired after 20 years of service as a member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. At this time, he was a lad of 12 or 14, and now recalls with interest, the Confederate invasion of York during the summer of 1863.

York Common in those days contained a clump of trees along the southern part and beyond that was the hovel of Squire Braxton, a quaint negro who had been sent to York with other slaves set free by Quaker owners in Virginia in the year 1861. He was known to everybody as "Squire" Braxton, and he lived on the

Common nearly half century. It was the pleasure of Captain Lanius and his friends to take us down to visit this aged negro, who told us he had seen "General" Washington down at Mount Vernon, when he was a slave. No one certainly knew that this was correct, but the negro was "nigh unto a hundred years old."

#### The End Drawing Near

We had spent nearly two hours visiting this hospital, and learning how well the United States Government took care of the soldiers who marched to the front to defend the flag and the nation. This was the greatest war that was ever known to the United States, and most remarkable because of the strife which threatened to divide the nation.

Nearly four-fifths of all the soldiers of the northern states, to the number of more than a million men, then serving under Grant, had entered the army by volunteer enlistments. Only a small portion of them were conscripts, or men drafted into the service for nine months, or one year. While most of the others enlisted for "three years or during the war."

The Civil War had not yet ended, but there was a rift in the clouds, which brought a ray of hope. The Confederate army had reached its highest mark in 1863, and gradually declined in numbers until their heroic leader surrendered at the now historic spot of Appomattox, a short distance southwest of Richmond, April 9, 1865.

#### An Evening Concert

Late in the afternoon, just before the sun sank behind the western horizon, a band concert was to be given for the benefit of the 2500 soldiers being treated in the hospital. It was an ideal day in autumn. Not a cloud was visible in the sky above. A vast crowd of people came to hear this concert. One of these bands was formed out of the invalid soldiers in the hospital, and the second was none other than the Spring Garden band, then led by Captain W. H. Frey, now living in the borough of Hellam at the age of four score and four. This organization, then and ever since, had maintained a high standing for its rendition of excellent music.

In 1861, the Spring Garden band, under Captain Frey, entered the military service with the 97th regiment, and served for 15 months, until the war department ordered that there should be only one band to each brigade instead of one



to each regiment. It was then that the Spring Garden band received an honorable discharge and returned home.

A flag, 6 feet wide and 12 feet long, floated in the breeze from the highest point of the hospital, the day we visited the barracks.

“And ever its torn folds rose and fell  
On the loyal winds it loved so well;  
And through the hill gaps sunset light  
Kissed this banner a warm goodnight.”

4. MARTIN SMYSER  
Lived on Water St., York  
m—Amanda Smyser, daug. of John  
*Child 1*  
1. Henry Smyser  
Bachelor
5. WILLIAM SMYSER  
Lived York  
m—Juliana Spangler  
No issue

## Henry Smyser

### 4th Child of Michael and Anna Mary

4. HENRY SMYSER  
Jan. 16, 1812—1900, Jan. 14  
Lived W. Manchester Twp. and Spring Garden Twp.  
m—1844 Mary Emig, daug. of Valentine and his wife  
1827—1904, Oct. 27  
Buried Mt. Zion's Cemetery  
*Children 5*  
1. Michael Smyser  
2. Horace E. Smyser, b Aug. 16, 1853  
3. Alexander E. Smyser, Jan. 6, 1849—1921, Dec. 22  
4. Jacob Smyser, died infancy  
5. Amanda Smyser, b 1857
1. MICHAEL SMYSER  
July 8, 1846—1913, Sept. 28  
m—Sarah A. Kauffman (June 1, 1845—1925, June 19), daug. of Joseph and wife Susan Sprenkle  
*Children 2*  
1. Henry K. Smyser, 1876—1925  
Lived E. Manchester Twp.  
m—Annie J. Kauffman, Jan. 1883—1905, Oct. 31  
*Children 3*  
1. Ruth Smyser, Jan. 15, 1903—1921  
2. Henry Smyser, twin, died Apr. 29, 1921  
3. Leah Smyser, twin, died Apr. 29, 1921  
All are buried Mt. Zion's Cemetery

2. Susan Mary Smyser, b 1882  
Lived York, then on a farm, then again in York, West Market St.  
m—1903 William Edward Bott, son of William H. and wife Lucy Hoke  
*Children 4*  
1. Mary Susan Bott  
2. Sarah Louise Bott, with Pearl Page  
3. Lucy Irene Bott  
4. Grace Smyser Bott
1. MARY SUSAN BOTT  
Lives York  
m—June 8, 1926 Allen Boyer  
*Children 2*  
1. Betty Jane Boyer  
2. William Jacob Boyer
3. LUCY IRENE BOTT  
Graduated York High School, class of 1925; graduated West Chester Teachers College, class of 1928  
Teacher, Junior High School, West York
2. HORACE E. SMYSER (OF HENRY)  
b Aug. 16, 1853  
Spring Garden Twp.  
Bachelor  
Farmer, cattle dealer, president of the Eastern Market Co. 28 yrs.; director Spring Garden Fire Insurance Co. 15 yrs.; director Mt. Rose Cemetery Asso.; director 1st National Bank 17 yrs.

He has travelled quite extensively, having been in every State in the Union, every Province in Canada, every Republic in Central America, and many of the States in Mexico

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GAS SAND REACHED ON OKLAHOMA LAND  
OWNED BY COUNTIAN

Gas sand was reached at a depth of 3,411 feet on land near Perry, Okla., owned by Horace D. Smyser, of near Pleasureville, a director in the First National bank, York, last Saturday, it has been learned. The hole has been cemented and was to have been further drilled in the latter part of this week or early next week.

The structure is slightly higher than at producing wells in the field to the northeast and it is expected that it will have equally as great a gas flow as those which have already been brought in.

Mr. Smyser is owner of 180 acres in this field. Drilling was conducted by a crew of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

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LATER NEWS FROM THE GASFIELD

It is said that the gas well in Oklahoma owned by Horace E. Smyser, of near Pleasureville, is producing 9,000,000 feet of gas per day. That is the story which comes from Oklahoma, and if it is only fifty per cent correct, Mr. Smyser ought to be sitting pretty.

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3. ALEXANDER E. SMYSER

Jan. 6, 1849—1921, Dec. 22

Lived in Abeline, Kansas; and Perry, Noble Co., Okla. Bachelor

Will of Alexander E. Smyser.

Book 3I—43—Probated Sept. 26, 1921. Made Dec. 22, 1920 in Perry, Noble Co., Okla.

At the time of making the will, he states he is 70 years of age (1849—1921), etc., etc., etc.

ITEM:—I give, bequeath and devise all the rest, residue (after debts and funeral expenses are paid) and remainder of my estate, real, personal, mixed, unto my beloved brother Horace Smyser of Springettsbury Twp., York Co., Pa., his heirs and assigns forever.

Appoints Horace Smyser sole Executor.

The names, ages, residences and Post Office

addresses of the heirs in 1921 are as follows:

Brother Horace Smyser (68 yrs.): York, R. D. 10

Nephew Harry Flory (44 yrs.): York

Nephew Edward Flory (36 yrs.): Thomasville, R. D. 1

Niece Mrs. Ella Hoke (42 yrs.): Spring Grove, Pa.

Niece Lillian A. Thomas (40 yrs.): Thomasville, R. D. 1

Nephew Henry K. Smyser (41 yrs.): York, R. D. 10

Niece Mrs. Susan M. Bott (39 yrs.): York, 244 East Phila. St.

4. JACOB SMYSER

Died infancy

5. AMANDA SMYSER, 1857—

m—Abraham Flory (1846—1904, Apr. 13), son of Jacob and his wife Leah Diehl

Lived Jackson Twp., farmer

*Children 4*

1. Edward Flory, b Oct. 5, 1876—

2. Harry Flory, b 1877—

3. Ella Flory, b 1879—

4. Lillian Flory, b 1881—

1. EDWARD FLORY

b Oct. 5, 1876—

Lives on the old homestead in Jackson Twp.; took charge after his father's death. Thomasville, R. D. 1

m—Lucy Smyser, daug. of Albert Smyser and his wife Mary Wolf, of the 5 Mile House

2. HARRY FLORY, b 1877—

Lives Springettsbury Twp. and in York, Pa., at 932 West King St.

m—Sue Eyster

*Children 3*

1. Grace Flory

2. Charles Flory

3. George Flory

3. ELLA FLORY

b 1879—

Lives Spring Grove

m—Charles Hoke

*Child 1*

1. Mary Hoke, lives Spring Grove

m—

4. LILLIAN FLORY, b 1881—

Thomasville, R. D. 1

m—Edward Thomas

No issue



# Sarah Smyser

## 5th Child of Michael and Anna Mary

### 5. SARAH SMYSER

1825—1904, June 6

Lived West Manchester Twp.

m—Martin Ebert (1820—1893, Dec. 1. 73—10—1), son of Adam Ebert and wife Elizabeth Eyster

#### *Children 3*

1. Emma Jane Ebert, single
2. G. Allen Ebert, Jan. 9, 1855—1929, Apr. 2. 74—2—23  
Lived 532 West King St., York  
m—Annie Ebert, Apr. 12, 1857—1930, Mar. 18. 72—10—27

#### *Children 2*

1. Flora Ebert
2. Sadie Ebert, dec.
3. Mary Ellen Ebert, single, gave me this line  
West Market St., York

Martin Ebert's Will.

Book II—281. Made Feb. 6, 1891. Probated 1893, etc., etc.

ITEM:—To son G. Allen Ebert, the farm now in his occupancy for which he has paid me \$4000; the remainder is his share. To wife Sarah, the farm we now live on, 130 acres 83 perch, or she may sell, then  $\frac{1}{3}$  a lien at 6 per cent interest for wife Sarah, adj. on North G. Allen Ebert, on South Martin Hoke; in Manchester Twp.

To two daughters Emma Jane Ebert and Mary Ellen Ebert, etc., etc.

ITEM:—To wife Sarah, use and occupancy of house in York, No. 463 West Market St. After wife's death to two daughters.

Executor G. Allen Ebert, my son.

(signed) Martin Ebert

### 6. ALEXANDER SMYSER

July 10, 1817—1901, June 29. 83—11—19

Lived in York

m 1st—1846 to Mary A. Hoke

#### *Children 2*

Twins, died infancy

m 2nd—Susan Hoke, sister of 1st wife  
No issue

### 7. WILLIAM SMYSER

June 16, 1820—

Lived on the Gettysburg pike

m—Eliza Bott, daug. of Peter and wife Elizabeth Smyser

#### *Children 2*

1. Francis Smyser, lived  
m—Ida Baer

#### *Children 3*

1. Sherman Smyser
- 2.
3. Warren Smyser

2. Annie Smyser

m—Zack Lauer, West York

#### *Child 1*

1. Edna Lauer  
m—Irwin Spangler

### 8. GEORGE SMYSER

Lived West Manchester Twp.

m—Margaret Smyser, daug. of Michael and wife Elizabeth Laucks

#### *Children 4*

1. Albert Smyser, lives Thomasville  
m—Mary Wolf, daug. of Peter

#### *Child 1*

1. Lucy Smyser  
m—Edward Flory

2. Annie Smyser, lives York  
m—William Shultz

#### *Child 1*

1. Margaret Shultz, lives Merchantville, N. J.  
m—George Shanon

3. Lizzie Smyser, lives York

m—Dr. Eli Neiman (dentist), dec., —1917, Aug. 31

*Children 2*

1. Dr. Raymond Neiman, York  
m—Florence Jacoby
2. Grace Neiman, 814 S. George St.,  
York  
m—Charlie Sonneman

*Child 1*

1. Robert Sonneman, in 1930  
a student at Mercersburg  
Academy, Pa.
4. William S. Smyser  
m—Jennie Johnson

*Children 2*

1. William Smyser  
m 1st—Alverta Jacobs

*Children 2*

1. Frank Smyser
2. William Smyser  
m 2nd—
2. Susie Smyser  
m—Charlie Small

*Child 1*

1. Wm. Smyser Small, lives in  
Baltimore, Md. m—  
1 *Child*

Ref.: 5S—240—1874.

9. MARY SMYSER  
1804—1857

Lived Nashville, York Co.

m—Oct. 25, 1829 (on Sunday) by Rev. Reily to  
Samuel Johnston, son of William and his wife  
Polly Harbaugh, members of the Reformed  
Church, Spring Garden Twp.

Samuel Johnston in 1838 moved to Jackson  
Twp., where he lived until his death in 1872  
He and his wife are buried in St. John's  
Episcopal Church yard, York

*Children 2*

1. William Smyser Johnston, became the  
heir to the farm. It contains 200 acres  
of finely improved land  
m—1857 to Julia (Annie) Bott, daug. of  
Jacob of Jackson Twp., Lutheran and  
Episcopalian

*Children 3*

1. Sarah Smyser Johnston
2. William Allen Johnston, died at 18  
yrs.
- 3.
2. Mary Johnston, an invalid, dec.

## Susan Smyser

### 7th Child of Colonel John Michael and Anna Maria

7. SUSAN SMYSER

m—Mar. 13, 1804, John Hay, Jr. (Mar. 20,  
1774—1866, Feb. 4), son of Lieut. Col. John  
Hay (1733—1810)

*Children 7*

1. Juliana Hay, Sept. 30, 1805—1875, Aug.  
28, single
  2. Michael Hay
  3. General George Hay
  4. Margaret Hay
  5. Alexander Hay
  6. Mary Ann Hay
  7. Susan Hay
- Lieut. Col. John Hay was a member of the  
Committee of Correspondence, 1774, and of  
the Convention that framed the Constitution  
of Pennsylvania

He was born in Alsace, France

Died in York

Father of John Hay, Jr.

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HAY FAMILY

Lieut. Col. John Hay, son of John Hay, was  
born in the Province of Alsace in 1733. Settled  
in York Co. in 1750, coming from Virginia where  
he had resided before 1748.

Naturalized Apr. 10, 1760 at Philadelphia.

He was one of the Provincial Magistrates, a  
position of great dignity at that time, as such  
prominent men as Benjamin Franklin and John  
Dickinson were appointed justices of Philadel-  
phia.



He was a Commissioner of York Co. for three years, Oct. 20, 1772—Oct. 1775. Was re-elected 1776—1779.

Dec. 16, 1774, at a mass meeting of the freeholders and inhabitants of York Co., held in the Court House for the purpose of forming an independent government, he was chosen one of the judges entitling him to vote for a member of the Assembly.

He was also elected a member of the Committee of Safety, and the following day he was elected its treasurer. The business of the Committee was to raise and organize troops, to collect money and supplies, and take such measures as seemed needful to protect the province from danger.

The sponsors of John Hay were Jonas Rudisill and wife. He served in the Whiskey Rebellion in 1794, was a member of the militia company of Capt. Philip Gossler, becoming Ensign in 1798.

He was the 1st Sergeant of the York Volunteers which fought in the Battle of North Point at Baltimore, leaving York on Aug. 29, 1814.

In 1822 he was the owner and manager of the Indian Queen Inn on West Market St., the site of which is now (1930) occupied by Wiest's store.

In later years he was known as "Grandpappy Hay."

He had an abundance of long white hair which, with the blue swallow-tailed coat which he wore, made him a picturesque figure.

He purchased from his father's estate, among other real estate, the land lying northeast of the jail, on which Hay's Spring was located. This land he devised to his son Alexander.

## 2. MICHAEL HAY (OF SUSAN SMYSER)

Aug. 8, 1807—1850, July 30

Lived York

m—Mar. 20, 1831 to Magdalena Spangler

Apr. 17, 1808—1887, July 12

She was the 6th child of Jesse Spangler (of Rudolph) and Mary D. Heckert

Michael Hay at the time of his death was postmaster of York, having been appointed Apr. 3, 1849.

### *Children 3*

1. John Hay, Mar. 17, 1834—1921, Oct. 16

2. George Hay, of Philadelphia; served in the Civil War. He then became a printer

on the Phila. Ledger, where he remained until his death. m—

### *Children 2*

1. Alex. Hay, m—; died some years ago

2. Michael Hay

3. Emma Hay, lived Waynesboro, Pa.

m—Frederick Speck of that place. Both died years ago

### *Child 1*

1. M. Hay Speck

## 1. JOHN HAY

Mar. 17, 1834—1921, Oct. 16

Lived and died at the same place where he had lived retired for many years—in York

m—Louisa Zimmerman (1839—1899, Dec. 31), daug. of John and wife Julia

Mr. Hay was a pattern-maker at the Variety Iron Works of York for 35 years

He had in his possession the Revolutionary pamphlet of his great-grand-father, John Hay, who was 1st Lieut. in Capt. William Bailey's company of York Co. Militia, dated June 14, 1776.

This document is one of three now known to be extant, and is of local historic value.

### *Children 5*

1. Flora V. Hay, June 2, 1857—1922, Jan. 29, single

2. Lillie M. Hay, Dec. 24, 1858—1896, Apr. 4

m—Oct. 1895 to James Nicholson of England

3. Bertha A. Hay, Oct. 24, 1860—1861, Apr. 25

4. Emma L. Hay, Dec. 14, 1866—

m—June 26, 1899 to John F. Sharp, assistant cashier of the York Nat. Bank

### *Child 1*

1. Eleanor L. Sharp, b Jan. 24, 1901

She graduated from the York High School, June 1918, and from Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pa., June 1920

In 1922 she was a teacher in the Public Schools of York

5. Carrie B. Hay, Apr. 3, 1869—1883, June 10

## 3. GENERAL GEORGE HAY (OF SUSAN SMYSER)

b Aug. 1, 1809; baptized Oct. 20 with Jacob and Peggy Smyser as sponsors

Died May 24, 1879

m—Dec. 17, 1830 Susan Demuth, daug. of John and Susan Croll

George Hay was a cabinet-maker and undertaker and was located on the site of the Hay building from 1830 to the time of his death.

He was prominent in military affairs, being identified with the State Militia from 1833 to the breaking out of the Civil War, attaining the rank of Major-General.

At the outbreak of the war he was sworn into service for three months (Apr. 19, 1861) as Captain of Company K, 2nd Regiment (York Rifles). Term of enlistment expired July 27, 1861, when he returned to York and organized the 87th Regiment, Penna. Volunteer Infantry, being mustered into its service as Colonel, Sept. 15, 1861.

In 1863 he succeeded Gen. Cluseret in command of the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 8th Army Corps.

After serving in this position for about two months, he was obliged to tender his resignation from the service, having become ruptured so badly that he was unable to ride his horse. He was honorably discharged May 9, 1863.

He is buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, York.

For the various military commissions held by George Hay in the Uniformed Militia of Penna., see the following:

May 6, 1833, 2nd Lieutenant, National Grays, until Aug. 3, 1833.

Aug. 17, 1833, Captain, Penna. Riflemen, 94th Regiment, until Aug. 3, 1842.

Aug. 3, 1842, Brigade Inspector, 1st Brigade, 5th Division, until Aug. 3, 1849.

June 4, 1849, Brigade Inspector, 1st Brigade, 5th Division, until June 1854.

June 20, 1854, Brigadier-General, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, until 1859.

Sept. 18, 1854, Captain, York Co. Artillery, until Aug. 1859.

Sept. 20, 1858, Captain, York Rifles, until Aug. 1859.

June 6, 1859, Brigadier-General, 1st Brigade, 4th Division, until June 4, 1864.

July 4, 1859, Major-General, 4th Division, until July 1864.

Apr. 19, 1861, Captain, York Rifles, until June 1864.

There are two commissions for this appointment.

Jan. 5, 1873, Aide-de-Camp, rank of Colonel, 4th Division, for 5 years.

He was of military ancestry, being a son of John Hay (a non-commissioned officer of the War of 1812) and a grandson of Lieut. Col. John Hay and Col. Michael Schmeisser (now Smyser) of Revolutionary War fame.

#### *Children 5*

1. John Demuth Hay, died infancy
2. Alexander Demuth Hay, died infancy
3. George Washington Hay, died in childhood
4. Amanda Hay
5. Clara Maria Hay

#### 4. AMANDA HAY

Feb. 18, 1839—1922, Mar. 5

Lived in York

m—Dec. 1, 1864 George F. Leber

Nov. 4, 1835—1877, June 2

He was a coal and grain merchant, an investor in real estate in York, and a highly respected citizen

#### *Children 5*

1. Mary Hay Leber, Oct. 26, 1866—1872, Oct. 9
2. George Hay Leber, Aug. 10, 1869—
3. Edward Leber, Mar. 23, 1871—
4. Helen Demuth Leber, Dec. 18, 1873—
5. Susan Croll Leber, Aug. 1, 1876—

#### 3. EDWARD LEBER

b 1871

Lives in York

Architect, with offices in the Hay Building  
Was educated in the Public Schools and York Co. Academy

He early developed a talent for drawing and at an early age entered the office of Architect J. A. Dempwolf.

Continued his studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston.

He belongs to the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, Masonic Fraternity.

Member of several of the city's leading social and business organizations; also member of the Greek letter College Fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta.

Member Zion's Lutheran Church; active member of the Y. M. C. A., having been for years a member of the Board of Directors.

m—Nov. 7, 1906 Nellie Bay Stewart, daug.



of W. F. Bay Stewart (Judge of York Co., 1896-1906) and his wife Laura Danner

*Children 2*

1. Catherine Danner Leber, 1907-1907

2. Bay Stewart Leber, b Aug. 21, 1909

4. HELEN DEMUTH LEBER

In her possession is the brocaded satin coat and waistcoat that her ancestor, Lieut. Col. John Hay, wore at the first Constitutional Convention held in Carpenters Hall, Philadelphia

She also has his original commission from the assembly as 1st Lieut. in the Company of Associators, signed by John Morton, Speaker of the Assembly, on Jan. 1, 1776

5. CLARA MARIA HAY (OF GENERAL GEORGE HAY)

Dec. 18, 1847-1883, Nov. 26

Lived York

m-Mar. 1, 1876 William Henry Kain of W. Manchester Twp.

Jan. 4, 1848-1883, Feb. 3

He attended the Public Schools, the York Co. Academy, and Penna. College at Gettysburg from which he graduated in 1871

Right after, he was appointed superintendent of the York Co. Schools for the unexpired term of Stephen G. Boyd. In May 1872 he was elected to the office and re-elected in 1875, having serving about 7 years.

In 1876 he prepared for the State Department a history of the progress of education in York county.

He was admitted to the bar in 1875, and acquired a lucrative practice; gained prominence during his short professional career at the bar.

He died at 35 years of age.

*Child 1*

1. George Hay Kain, b Apr. 13, 1877

He attended the Public Schools, York Co. Academy, and York Collegiate Institute from which he was graduated in 1893, being the Valedictorian of the class. He then entered Penna. College at Gettysburg, graduating 1897 with the degree B.S., being a member of the second honor group and a commencement orator

During his course he received honorable mention for the Baum Sophomore

Mathematical Prize, and in 1900 the institution conferred upon him the degree of M.S.

For one year he was tutor of mathematics in the prep. department of Penna. College.

In Sept. 1898 he entered the law school of Harvard University, and graduated in June 1902, receiving the degree of L.L.B., *cum laude*.

He also studied law in the office of Cochran and Williams.

Admitted to the York Co. bar, Dec. 22, 1902. Became a member of the firm Cochran, Williams, Kain, in 1912.

m-Jan. 1, 1901 Clara Bahn Watt

*Children 3*

1. George Hay Kain, Jr., b Apr. 3, 1907

2. Richard Morgan Kain, b Dec. 19, 1908

3. William Henry Kain, b Sept. 23, 1912

Clara Bahn Watt is the daughter of Andrew Watt, a native of Scotland, for many years a prominent merchant of York, and his wife Susan A. Bahn whose ancestors were among the earliest settlers in the Kreutz Creek Valley

George Hay Kain is member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is a Mason, being a Past Master of York Lodge, No. 266. Past High Priest of Howell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 199. Member of York Council, No. 21, R. & S. M. Past Commander of York Commandery, Knights Templar. 1911 District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. Member of the Knights of Pythias.

Director of the York Water Co.; of the York Nat. Bank; York Trust Co., of which he is vice pres.; of the Farmers Fire Insurance Co.; trustee of York Co. Academy and Y. C. I.

During the World War he was chairman of the 4 Minute Men of the Third Liberty Loan campaign of York Co. and chairman of York Co. Committee of Speakers and Meetings of the Victory Loan.

4. MARGARET HAY (OF SUSAN SMYSER)

Sept. 16, 1811—1898, Feb. 11

m—Dec. 16, 1834 George Wogan

Apr. 14, 1800—1879, Apr. 20

The Wogan family is Scotch-Irish

The first ancestor in this country settled in Maryland, but moved to Pennsylvania early in the 18th century. An early American ancestor of the Wogan family was John Wogan who, on June 18, 1737, secured from Thomas and William Penn a grant of 318 acres of land in Lancaster Co. A portion of this estate remains in the possession of the family today

By the will of this John Wogan, dated Dec. 20, 1747, a tract of 100 acres was bequeathed to the Protestant Church of the neighborhood, "never to be sold, but always to be used for church purposes."

George Wogan was born on this ancestral farm.

He was a son of George Wogan and his wife Rebecca Lowe, and was the youngest of 7 children. He remained at home and worked on the farm of his father until 1825, when he began life for himself.

At the death of his father he inherited the old Wogan homestead in Manchester Twp., and continued farming until 1861 when he retired from active life.

He and his family then removed to York, where he and his wife both died.

*Children 3*

1. Anna H. Wogan, died at 58 years

2. Rebecca Wogan, died at 7 years

3. John Hay Wogan

b Dec. 15, 1837

Manchester Twp.

He was sent to boarding schools in Cumberland, York, and Chester counties, and completed his studies in the York Co. Academy

After his marriage he followed farming for 30 years.

He then retired to Mount Wolf, and in 1902 moved to York where he has since lived.

For more than 20 years he was pres. of the York Co. Agricultural Society, of which his father was one of the organizers. He was pres. of the West York Furniture Co.

While living in Manchester Twp., he was for 6 years a member of the School Board.

m—1859 Sarah Wolf, daug. of Adam, a merchant of E. Manchester Twp.

*Children 6*

1. Caleb Wogan, general dealer in stock

2. Anna H. Wogan, m—Charles Sayers

3. George Wogan, farmer on old homestead

4. William W. Wogan, D.D.S., a graduate of University of Baltimore, class of 1887. Now in York practicing dentistry

5. C. Edward Wogan, D.D.S., graduate of University of Baltimore, class of 1889. Now practicing dentistry in Carlisle, Pa.

6. I. Park Wogan, supt. of a furniture factory at Mt. Wolf

See Mary Jane Myers (daug. of Andrew J. Myers and wife Mary Smyser) who m—June 19, 1881 Caleb Wogan

5. ALEXANDER HAY

Jan. 22, 1814—1884, May 8 at Philadelphia

He was educated in the schools of York, his native town, after which he became a hatter. One of the projectors of the Union Pacific R. R.

During the Civil War he was sole owner of the Washington and Alexandria Railroad, at the time when he re-built the Long Bridge over the Potomac River; he was also connected with the Niagara Falls Ship Canal.

He was prominent during Civil War times, and was one of the men whom the Hon. John Covode tried hard, but unsuccessfully, to subpoena in his investigations of President Buchanan.

Director of the First National Bank (and founder). In 1884 the bank purchased from the estate of Alexander Hay a dwelling house on North George St., upon the site of which was erected a large and commodious banking house.

He was a large land owner in Virginia, York and Philadelphia.

m—June 24, 1834 Magdalena Ilgenfritz, daug. of Daniel and wife Elizabeth Deitch

She was born in York



Sept. 27, 1815—1898, Feb. 5 at Philadelphia

*Children 6*

1. Thomas Hay, 1837—1907 at Philadelphia  
m—Mary Cresson Bradford, daug. of Judge Bradford and wife

*Children 2*

1. Helen Cresson Hay  
m—William Young of Norfolk, Virginia
2. Eugenie Bradford Hay  
m—Dover Thomas of Philadelphia, now dec.  
Mrs. Thomas in 1920 living at Cape May, N. J.
2. Samuel Ilgenfritz Hay, b 1841, died young
3. Mary Jane Hay, b York 1844  
m—Francis Cushing Nye of N. Y., dec.

*Children 4*

1. Catherine Hay Nye  
m—George Parker, now dec.
2. Elizabeth Nye
3. Mary Nye, a widow
4. Roland Anthony Nye. This family resides in Brooklyn
4. Fannie Elinora Hay, b 1846 in York; lives in Philadelphia
5. Martha Ann Hay, b in York 1850  
m—Dr. Walter Henry O'Neal, a prominent physician of Gettysburg, Pa., where they live

*Child 1*

1. Alexander Hay O'Neal, M. D. lives Parsons, Pa.
6. Kate Virginia Hay, b Phila. 1857  
m—Prof. Henry B. Nixon, now dec.  
Prof. Nixon was one of the most popular and able professors at Gettysburg College; he held the chair of mathematics

*Child 1*

1. Thomas Hay Nixon, a graduate of Gettysburg College and the United States Military Academy at West Point  
Is Chaplain in the regular army

6. MARY ANN HAY

Mar. 16, 1816—1893, June 29

Lived on the old Forney farm adj. Hanover

m—May 15, 1838 Karl Forney

Oct. 1810—1887

Members of the Lutheran Church

He was the son of Samuel Forney, son of Philip, son of John Adam Forney, who came from Switzerland in 1734 and located on a tract of 600 acres adjoining Hanover, much of which he cleared, etc., etc. (Page 296, volume 2, Biog. History of York Co., Pa., by Prowell)

Karl Forney was a democrat and filled local public offices.

He built a large bank barn, 50x100 feet, on the Forney farm in 1863. In 1893 he retired from active management of his farm.

Samuel Forney, father of Karl, in 1795 built the Colonial Mansion, the substantial character of which is attested by the fact that it is today in an excellent state of preservation.

*Children 6*

1. Samuel H. Forney, b Mar. 28, 1839
2. William G. Forney, of Wyoming
3. Susan Forney, m—Andrew Delone
4. John W. Forney, Steubenville, Ohio
5. Robert L. Forney, Oakland, Calif.
6. George F. Forney, Montana

1. SAMUEL HAY FORNEY

b on the old homestead

Received his education in the Public Schools of Hanover, after which he assisted his father on the farm where he lived all of his life, first as assistant to his father and later as the sole owner

At the time of his death it contained 131 acres of valuable land adj. Hanover

Member of Emanuel Reformed Church

m—1868 Mary C. Young, b in Adams Co.

1845—1904, Oct. 9

*Children 3*

1. Mary M. Forney, lived  
m—John H. Fleming, who succeeded his father in the management of the Central Hotel in Hanover, Pa.
2. Laura Forney  
m—J. H. Mackleduff, a prominent lumber dealer of Hanover
3. Elizabeth Forney  
m—D. A. Hartman, a dentist of Gettysburg, Pa.

7. SUSAN HAY (OF SUSAN SMYSER)

1827—1901, Dec. 17

Lived in York

Very wealthy in her day

m—Sept. 20, 1866 Lewis Carl, 1826—1878,  
Oct. 24. No issue

Susan Hay-Carl's Will.

Book PP—144—etc., etc.

To John Hay and his sister Emma H. Speck, children of my dec. brother Michael Hay, each \$6000.

To Amanda Leber, daug. of my brother George Hay, dec., \$6000.

To John H. Wogan and Anna H. Wogan, children of my sister Margaret Wogan, dec., each \$6000.

To Mary Nye, Martha O'Neal, and Kate V. H. Nixon, daughters of my brother Alexander Hay, dec., each \$2500.

To Samuel H. Forney, John W. Forney,

Wm. G. Forney, Robert L. Forney, and George Forney, sons of my sister Mary A. Forney, dec., each \$2500.

To Michael Hay, grandson of my brother Michael Hay, if living, \$100.

To George Hay Kain, grandson of my brother George Hay, dec., \$1000.

To Fannie Delone Smith, grand-daughter of my sister Mary A. Forney, dec., \$1000, etc., etc.

To Thomas Hay, int. of \$2500, at his dec. to his wife, after her death to their two daughters.

To Fannie E. Hay, int. of \$2500.

Witnesses:

Thomas B. Laucks

Charles A. Klinefelter



# Jacob Mathias Smyser

## 3rd Child of Mathias 1st and Anna Catherine

### 3. JACOB MATHIAS SMYSER

1742—1794

m—Elizabeth Eichelberger

Lived Manchester Twp.

#### *Children 9*

1. Henry Smyser, Sept. 20, 1767—
2. John Jacob Smyser, Apr. 18, 1771—
3. Mathias Smyser, 1774—
4. Martin Smyser, June 9, 1776—
5. John Smyser, July 17, 1779—1842
6. Catherine Smyser, Sept. 19, 1782—
7. Daniel Smyser, Mar. 19, 1785—
8. Peter Smyser, Aug. 24, 1789—
9. Adam Smyser, Apr. 5, 1792—

Jacob Mathias Smyser was a justice of the peace. In 1789 he was elected to the House of Representatives, and a few years later died, aged 51 years

Ref.: Prowell's Hist. of York Co., Pa., page 44.

Book 20—371—1799.

To whom these presents shall come: Jacob; Jonas; John Ebert; Frederick Hake and Anna Maria his wife; Henry Schmeisser (Smyser) and his wife Eve; Andrew Rutter guardian over Susan and Martin Ebert; all are children and heirs of Michael Ebert, late of Manchester Twp., dec. Said Michael lately died intestate owner of 2 tracts of land in Manchester Twp., the whole 231 acres 108 perch, leaving a widow named Elizabeth and lawful issue Michael Ebert, Jr., his Eldest son, and above named Jacob; Jonas; John Ebert; Anna Maria intermarried with Frederick Hake; Eve intermarried with Henry Smyser; Susan and Martin Ebert. Manchester Twp. farmer to Martin Ebert, farmer, for 2,281 lbs. 5 shillings sold land.

1. HENRY SMYSER  
Sept. 20, 1767—

Lived York and Adams Co.

m—Eve Ebert, daug. of Michael and wife Elizabeth

#### *Children 5*

1. Martin Smyser, 1810—1891
2. Daniel Smyser, m—Elizabeth Hostler
3. William Smyser
4. Mary Elizabeth Smyser, m—Philip Myers
5. Anna M. Smyser, m—Daniel Myers

### 1. MARTIN SMYSER

Feb. 6, 1810—1891, Jan. 10. 80—11—8

Lived near Dillsburg, Pa.

m—1831 Mary Hostler (1801—1879, Oct. 28), daug. of Christian and wife Margaret Both buried at Barnes' or Salem's Church Lutheran

Martin served his township as supervisor, inspector and clerk

He owned two valuable iron mines

Member Lutheran Church of Dillsburg. Deacon and trustee. Some years ago, the Church and parsonage were burned, with all the church records

#### *Children 5*

1. Henry Smyser
2. Elizabeth Smyser
3. George W. Smyser, Russel Co., Kansas
4. Mary Ann Smyser
5. Sarah Ann Smyser

### 1. HENRY SMYSER

Lived Dillsburg, Pa.; moved to Los Angeles, and died there

m—

#### *Child 1*

1. Miller Smyser, lives Selings Grove, Pa.

### 4. MARY ANN SMYSER

Mar. 22, 1837—1907, May 31. 70—2—9

Lived York Co.

m—Henry Berkheimer (1828—1912, Mar. 29), son of John and wife Lydia

*Children 6*

1. Adelia Elizabeth Berkheimer
2. Martin Scott Berkheimer
3. Josephine Berkheimer, died infancy
4. Mary Martha Berkheimer, died infancy
5. Ida Berkheimer
6. Minnie Coover Berkheimer

1. ADELIA ELIZABETH BERKHEIMER

Died at 23 years

m—Jeremiah Lau

*Children 2*

1. Martin David Lau, lives Sparrows Point, Md.
2. Mary Catherine Lau, lives between Harrisburg and Gettysburg on the main highway near Clear Spring, York Co.  
m—William Smook

2. MARTIN SCOTT BERKHEIMER

Died at 50 years

Lived near Dillsburg, York Co.

m—Emily Livingston

*Children 5*

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| 1. Edith Berkheimer | 4. |
| 2.                  | 5. |
| 3.                  |    |

3. JOSEPHINE BERKHEIMER

Died infancy

4. MARY MARTHA BERKHEIMER

Died infancy

5. IDA BERKHEIMER

Twin

6. MINNIE COOVER BERKHEIMER

Twin

Lives in Clearfield, Clearfield Co., Pa. (1930)  
m—Dec. 5, 1888 Edwin Lincoln Eslinger, son of Augustus N. and wife Agnes Amelia Diller  
He was educated in the Public Schools of Dillsburg, received private instruction, and attended Summer Normal Schools

He entered the ministry of the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

For some years before he entered the ministry he clerked and taught school.

After serving a few smaller churches, he now serves the more important ones of his conference.

I received this information in 1930 from Mrs. Minnie Coover (Berkheimer) Eslinger

*Children 5*

1. Mary Ann Eslinger

2. Lucy Hayes Eslinger

3. Ruth Harriet Eslinger

4. Edwin Lincoln Eslinger, Jr., died young

5. Minnie Margaret Eslinger

1. MARY ANN (OR AGNES) ESLINGER

Lives Washington, D. C.

She is a graduate of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa.

m—Dr. Walter F. Shenton, prof. of mathematics in the American University, Washington

*Children 2*

1. Helen Margaret Shenton

2. Robert Eslinger Shenton

2. LUCY HAYES ESLINGER

m—Joel H. Black, a civil engineer

They resided for 15 years in Shanghai, China

At the time of their marriage, Lucy was a student at Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa.

They have seven children, all born in China

Now (1930) live Camp Hill, Pa.

*Children 7*

1. Ruth Black

2. Louise Black

3. Martha Black

4. Margaret Black

5. Joanna Black

6. Mary Jane Black

7. Edwin Eslinger Black

6 and 7 died in China

3. RUTH HARRIET ESLINGER

Graduate of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., and Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Is (1930) teaching English in the Somerville, N. J., High School.

5. MINNIE MARGARET ESLINGER

Graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Took her degree course at Ohio University, Columbus, Ohio (M.S.)

Taught as a student assistant for two years, and later took an extension course at the University of Chicago in biology, and a summer course at University of Ill. (Urbana) in chemistry.

Is (1930) professor of chemistry at Hood College, Frederick, Md.

5. SARAH ANN SMYSER (OF MARTIN, OF HENRY)

Nov. 1837—1900, Apr. 3

Lived near Dillsburg, Pa.



m—1861 Henry Sheffer, June 4, 1838—1916,  
Jan. 3

*Children 5*

1. Martin Grant Sheffer
2. Mary Letitia Sheffer
3. Michael Geary Sheffer
4. Salmon Smyser Sheffer
5. Minnie Pearl Sheffer

1. M. GRANT SHEFFER  
Lives Dillsburg, Pa.  
m—1886 Sara R. Fishel

*Children 2*

1. John Sheffer, lives Beavertown, Pa.  
m—Mabel Frederick

*Children 3*

1. Milton Sheffer,  
m—Cassel
2. Frederick Sheffer  
m—Mar. 2, 1930
3. Myra Sheffer

2. Earle Sheffer

2. MARY LETITIA SHEFFER  
Lives Steelton, Pa.  
m—1908 Walter Lehman, dec.  
No issue  
After his death kept house for her brother in  
Coatesville, Pa.

3. MICHAEL GEARY SHEFFER  
—1930, Mar. 21  
Lived Steelton and Coatesville, Pa.  
m—1892 Alice Walter

*Children 2*

1. Stanley Henry Sheffer  
m—Mary Smith of Harrisburg

*Children 2*

1. Alice Sheffer
2. Stanley H. Sheffer, Jr.
2. Russel Samuel Sheffer  
m—Helen Shimmel of New Cumberland

4. SALMON SMYSER SHEFFER  
Lived Dillsburg, Pa.  
m—Hannah Cook

*Child 1*

1. Ada Sheffer, lived  
m—Charles Eichelberger

*Children 3*

1. Martha Eichelberger
2. Mary Louise Eichelberger
3. Eugene Smyser Eichelberger

5. MINNIE PEARL SHEFFER  
Lived York, Philadelphia, and York Haven  
m 1st—1895 George Calvin Hamilton  
No issue  
m 2nd—1916 Jacob F. Lehman  
Lives York Haven, Pa.  
No issue

2. DANIEL SMYSER (OF HENRY 1767)  
Oct. 15, 1801—1860, Mar. 13  
Lived Warrington Twp.  
m—Elizabeth Hostler, July 11, 1803—1882,  
Nov. 26. 79—4—15

*Children 6*

1. Mary Smyser, single, moved to Balti-  
more, Md.
2. Eve Smyser  
Lived Warrington Twp.  
m—Conrad Hobaugh
3. Jacob Smyser, lived Warrington Twp.  
m—Susan Henry

*Child 1*

1. Elizabeth Smyser, died young
4. Henry Smyser  
Lived near Rossville  
m—Rebecca Bender
5. Daniel Smyser  
m—Lydia Rohler
6. Elizabeth Smyser, moved to Baltimore,  
Md.  
m—William Cook

*Children 4*

1. Harry Cook  
m 1st—  
m 2nd—
2. James Cook  
m—
3. A girl, died young
4. William Cook

# Henry Smyser

## 4th Child of Daniel and Elizabeth

### 4. HENRY SMYSER

Feb. 29, 1832—1896, Aug. 16

Lived Warrington Twp.

Buried at the Friends' Meeting House in twp.  
m—Rebecca Bender (May 14, 1832—1924,  
Sept.), born near Rossville, died in Chicago  
in her nineties

#### *Children 8*

1. George Bender Smyser
2. Daniel Webster Smyser
3. Washington Dana Smyser
4. Jacob Hamlin Smyser
5. John Calvin Smyser
6. William Linn Smyser
7. Ella Nora Smyser
8. Martin Luther Smyser

### 1. GEORGE BENDER SMYSER

Lived York and Cumberland Cos.

m—Elizabeth Stine

#### *Children 8*

1. Anna Smyser, lives Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
m—Charles Kline

#### *Children 10 (not in order)*

1. Henry Kline, m—Elsie Cassel  
1 Child

2. George Kline, m—Mary
3. Martha Kline, at home
4. Mary Kline, at home
5. Paul Kline, at home
6. Robert Kline, at home
7. Dorothy Kline, at home
8. Earl Kline, at home
9. Lloyd Kline, at home

10. Ethel Kline, m—

2. Nora Smyser

m—Charles Zepp

3. Paul Smyser, lives Maytown, York Co.  
m—Hattie Crone

#### *Children 2*

1. George Smyser
2. Mary Smyser

4. Viola Smyser, single, lived with her  
grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel  
Smyser

5, 6, 7 and 8 all died young

### 2. DANIEL WEBSTER SMYSER

Mar. 30, 1855—1931

Lived Warrington Twp.

m—Aug. 22, 1876 Mary Elizabeth Griffith,  
daug. of James and wife Mary Myers

Their wedding trip included the centennial  
celebration in Philadelphia

Mr. Smyser was educated in the common  
schools of his twp. and at the York Co.  
Academy.

He took care of the farm and taught school  
34 years.

Was for years principal of the Dillsburg  
grade schools.

He then went into the hardware business in  
Dillsburg under the name of D. W. Smyser;  
later took in as partner L. M. Creager, chang-  
ing firm name to Smyser and Creager. He  
remained in the business for 15 years.

He then moved to the Griffith farm, owned  
by his wife's people whose ancestors received  
the grant of land from the Penns.

#### *Children 3*

1. William Griffith Smyser, lives Pembroke,  
a suburb of Harrisburg  
b Warrington Twp.

Graduated from Pennsylvania College at  
Gettysburg, Pa., class of 1902

Employee of the Pipe Bending Works

m—Nov. 26, 1903 Nettie Minnich of  
Plainfield, Cumberland Co., Pa.

No issue

2. James Arthur Smyser, lived Pembroke,  
a suburb of Harrisburg

—1922, Sept. 9

Graduated from Pennsylvania College,  
Gettysburg, Pa., same class as his  
brother (1902)



Teacher Central High School of Harrisburg—13th year  
 m—Aug. 22, 1911 Emma Henry, daug. of George  
 The widow lives (in 1931) at 1906 Walnut St., Harrisburg. She is teaching

*Children 2*

1. Emma Mary Smyser
2. Lucile May Smyser
3. Florence Bertha Smyser, lives York  
 Took a musical course at Irving College, Mechanicsburg, including a few other studies  
 m—Oct. 16, 1909 Russell David Klinedinst (in the office of Neuman's ice cream factory), son of David and wife Pentz

*Children 2*

1. Milford Smyser Klinedinst  
 He is (1931) a student in his junior year at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.  
 He has been elected to the Pi Tau Pi Sigma honorary advanced signal corps society  
 Also is manager of the Sibley Journal of Engineering at Cornell
2. Russell David Klinedinst, Jr.  
 b York Co.; moved to Connellsville, Fayette Co., Pa., while his parents were living at that place  
 He was killed by an auto truck as he was starting home from school.  
 Buried at the Warrington Friends' Meeting House, York Co.

See page No. 245.

3. WASHINGTON DANA SMYSER  
 b York Co. —1927 Jan. 9  
 Taught school in Hellam where he met his wife Mary Strickler of Hellam Twp. Now (1931) building a memorial school to him in Chicago

*Children 2*

1. Helen Smyser, Chicago  
 Died on the eve of her marriage, result of flu, turned to tuberculosis
2. Harold Smyser, graduated West Point  
 1931 Teacher of Military Science and Tactics at Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Lived Chicago, Ill.  
 Died San Antonio, Texas  
 His widow and son moved to California  
 Live (1931) at 439 So. Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.

4. JACOB HAMLIN SMYSER  
 Dentist  
 b Warrington Twp., York Co.  
 Lives Chicago, Ill.

6. WILLIAM LINN SMYSER  
 b York Co.  
 Lives Chicago, Ill.—Principal of school there  
 m—Tillie Shultz of Chicago. No issue

8. MARTIN LUTHER SMYSER  
 Lives Warrington Twp. and Chicago, Ill.  
 m—Annie Myers of Gettysburg, Pa.

*Children 2*

1. Lynn Myers Smyser, m—Verna of Chicago. No issue
2. Donald Smyser, m—

*Child 1*

1. Donald Smyser, Jr.

5. DANIEL SMYSER (OF DANIEL, OF HENRY)  
 Aug. 9, 1835—1893, Mar. 17. 57—6—8  
 b Warrington Twp., moved to York  
 He was a shoemaker by trade  
 m—Lydia Ann Rohler, daug. of George and wife Eliza Sipe  
 Buried Barnes' Church near Wellsville

*Children 6*

1. Lila Smyser, m—Samuel Kuntz
2. Emma Smyser, m—William Roth
3. Charles R. Smyser, m—Mary Druck
4. Alberta Smyser, m—George Bordner
5. Daniel Swiler Smyser
6. Jacob C. Smyser, b Nov. 19, 1873

1. LILA SMYSER  
 Lives 214 South Pine St., York  
 m—Samuel Kuntz

*Children 4*

1. Sadie Kuntz, m—Charles Swartzbaugh
2. Janette Kuntz, m—Earl Spangler
3. Louise Kuntz
4. Smyser Kuntz, m—Millie of Boston, Mass.

*Child 1*

1. Rodger Samuel Kuntz

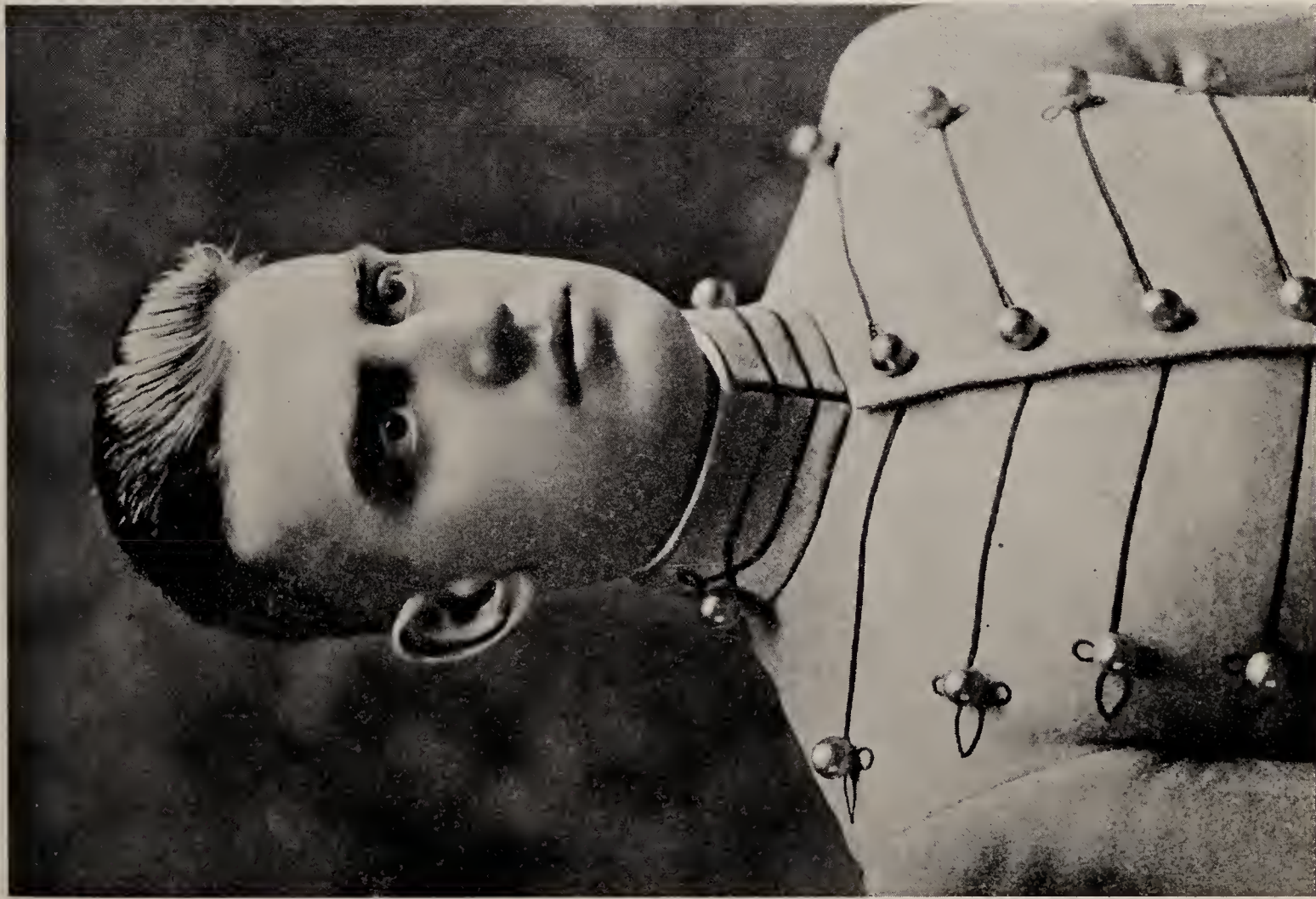
1. SADIE KUNTZ  
 m—Charles Swartzbaugh

*Children 3*

1. Irvin Swartzbaugh
2. Dale Swartzbaugh
3. Delores Romaine Swartzbaugh

2. JANETTE KUNTZ  
 Lives York  
 m—Earl Spangler





HAROLD SMYSER  
Son of Washington Dana Smyser



LYNN MYERS SMYSER AND HIS WIFE VERNA





*Children 7*

1. Bessie Spangler  
Died at 6 years
2. Carman Spangler
3. Romaine Spangler
4. Orlean Spangler
5. Darcas Spangler
6. Gerlade Spangler
7. Donald Spangler

2. EMMA SMYSER (OF DANIEL)  
Lives 739 South Duke St., York  
m—William Roth

*Children 5*

1. Samuel Kenneth Roth  
m—Lillian McManus
2. Vandetta Annetta Roth  
m—Sylvan Probst
3. John Benard Roth  
m—Frances Bowmaster
4. Miriam Roth  
m—Oscar Paup
5. Anna Roth  
m—Willard Aubaugh

3. CHARLES R. SMYSER  
m—Mary Druck

*Child 1*

1. Roy Smyser
4. ALBERTA SMYSER  
Lives York  
m—George Bordner, dentist

5. DANIEL SWILER SMYSER

Lived Warrington Twp.; now in York  
m 1st—Feb. 16, 1912 Ella Viola Jacobs, daug.  
of Franklin and wife Anna Poff(—1918, Dec. 15)

*Children 2*

1. Jacob Russell Smyser
2. Franklin Osborn Smyser

m 2nd—June 14, 1930 Blanche Catherine  
Brockner, daug. of Samuel and wife Mary  
Catherine Hawk

Daniel S. Smyser is a mould cutter for the  
Dentists' Supply Co. of York

6. JACOB C. SMYSER

b Nov. 19, 1873—

Lives 558 South Queen St., York

Came to York with his father when he was  
12 years old

He is proprietor of the Smyser Carriage  
Works; now they operate a garage

m—1903 Stella Lentz of Red Lion, daug. of  
John and Susan Leader. No issue

Copied from the York Daily, Mar. 18, 1893:

Mr. Daniel Smyser died suddenly at his late  
residence, East Princess St., extended, of heart  
trouble and dropsy yesterday, Mar. 17, St.  
Patrick's day, in the morning.

Funeral services will be held Sunday morning  
and the body will be buried near Rossville at the  
Barnes' Church, also called Salem's. His parents  
are also buried there (His father Daniel Smyser,  
1801—1860).

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## Mary Elizabeth Smyser

### 4th Child of Henry and Eve

4. MARY ELIZABETH SMYSER

Nov. 10, 1791—

Lived York Co. and Adams Co., Pa.

m—1809 Philip Myers, Nov. 10, 1788—1881

*Children 11*

1. Eliza Myers, June 6, 1810—
2. John Henry Myers, Feb. 22, 1812—
3. Lydia Ann Myers, Oct. 30, 1813—
4. Cornelius Myers, Oct. 29, 1815—
5. Jacob Myers, Oct. 12, 1817—

6. Margretta Myers, Dec. 25, 1819—

7. Anna Myers, Aug. 1, 1822—

8. Philip Myers, Dec. 16, 1824—

9. Seright Myers, Apr. 9, 1828—1854,  
July 6

10. Elizabeth Ann Myers, Nov. 17, 1830—

11. Jerome Myers, Jan. 22, 1833—1833,  
Jan. 24

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1. ELIZA MYERS

Lived near York Springs  
m—Dec. 20, 1827 Abraham Fickes

*Children 2*

1. Hannah Fickes  
Lived at 5 Points  
m 1st—Mummert  
m 2nd—Cashman. No issue
2. John Fickes, went West years ago

2. JOHN HENRY MYERS

m—Apr. 22, 1832

4. CORNELIUS MYERS

Oct. 29, 1815—  
Lived in Adams Co., Pa.

He was reared on a farm until he was 16 years old

Then entered the store of John Brough where he remained 1 year.

He then went to New Oxford where he clerked 2 years; then to Gettysburg for 6 months; clerked in Hampton 3 years; afterward on a farm.

He was employed driving a team between Baltimore and Pittsburgh for about 1 year.

m—Nov. 29, 1839 Lovinia Brough, daug. of John and wife Nancy

*Children 7*

1. Brough Myers
2. Cornelius L. Myers
3. Seright Myers
4. Nancy Elizabeth Myers
5. Lovinia Lydia Myers
6. John Myers, dec.
7. Philip Luther Myers, dec.

After marriage Mr. Myers settled on his father-in-law's farm where he remained 3 years

He then bought 100 acres from his father on which he remained 12 years, when he sold out and bought 118 acres from his father-in-law, remaining there until 1877.

He then moved to Hampton where he is now leading a retired life. He owns the property on which he resides and 140 acres of good land.

He has held the offices of inspector of elections, school director, and several others.

Member of the Lutheran Church.

1. BROUGH MYERS

m—Martha Nieller

*Child 1*

1. John Pennington Myers, lives Hampton, Adams Co., Pa.

2. CORNELIUS LEMUEL MYERS, dec.  
m—1874 Rebecca Trostle

*Child 1*

1. Died infancy

3. SERIGHT MYERS

m—1875 Alice Myers

*Child 1*

1. Edith Myers  
m—Harvey Cashman  
Live New Chester

*Children 4, names not known*

4. NANCY ELIZABETH MYERS

May 27, 1850—1916, June 23

m—Nov. 13, 1877 John Willam Wierman (originally spelled Wyerman), son of Joseph and Susan—descendants of Dr. William Wyerman, who came over with the Penns; his wife was Lady Gertrude Sateman of Holland

*Child 1*

1. Maud Lovinia Wierman

Lives Huntington Twp. near York Springs at Wyerman's Mill. She is the 6th generation to live there

m—Aug. 9, 1921 Hilliary Ray Kennedy  
She graduated from Maryland College at Lutherville, Md., Class of 1901. Specialized in Music, particularly instrumental

Member Board of Directors Y. W. C. A. of Gettysburg; Womans Republican Club of Adams Co., one time president of the Legion Auxiliary of Gettysburg. No issue

5. LOVINIA LYDIA MYERS, dec.

Lived York Springs

m—1876 John F. Peters, dec.

*Children 2*

1. Myra Elsie Peters, dec.  
Lived Doylestown, Pa.  
m—William Mason, dec. No issue
2. John Franklin Peters. Lives Ventnor, N. J.  
m—Mary . No issue

6. JOHN MYERS, dec.

7. PHILIP LUTHER MYERS

Buried at the Pines near New Chester, Adams Co., Pa.

6. MARGARET MYERS (OF MARY ELIZABETH SMYSER)

Dec. 25, 1819—

m—Nov. 9, 1837 Franklin Myers

*Child 1*

1. Elizabeth Myers, m—Charles Frey

*Children 2*

- a. Lola Frey, lives Lincoln Way, West, of New Oxford in a very pretty home  
m—George Hummer
- b. Elma Frey, m—J. C. Scoggins  
Live Baltimore, Md.

This Myers line has been hard to straighten out, even now I question if I have it exactly as it should be.

10. ELIZABETH ANN MYERS

m—Nov. 20, 1849 Samuel Thomas

5. ANNA MARIA SMYSER (OF HENRY 1767)

Lived Adams Co., Pa.

m—Daniel Myers

*Children 10*

1. Zachariah Myers, m—Stock
2. Lydia Myers
3. Barbara Myers
4. Adam S. Myers, dec.  
m—Margaret Berkheimer

*Children 8*

1. Thomas Myers, died at Mont Alto Sanitarium. He was married and had children  
No other information
2. Amy Myers, dec.  
m—Dr. Leonard Delap, dec.  
Lived Gloucester, N. J.

*Child 1*

1. Wilbur Delap  
Lives Philadelphia
3. Ida Myers, dec.  
m—George Shank, dec.

*Children 3*

1. Marguerite Shank, Philadelphia
2. Royce Shank, dec.
3. George Myers Shank, m—  
*Children 3: George, Robert and Ida Shank*

4. Ella Myers, dec.

m—John Schriver, dec.

5. Robert Lee Myers, lives Camp Hill, Pa.

m—Joan Bowman

*Children 5*

1. Helen Myers, dec.
2. John E. Myers
3. Robert Lee Myers, Jr.
4. Alice Myers
5. Joan Bowman Myers
6. Annie Myers, m—George B. March, dec.

*Children 2*

1. Ruth March
2. Dale March
7. Ola Myers, lives Middletown, Pa.  
m—Harvey B. Garver
8. Walter Myers, lives Reading, Pa.  
m— . No issue

5. Eliza Myers, dec.

m—George Whorley, dec.

*Child 1 (only one known)*

1. Emmet Whorley, lives York Haven, Pa.  
Did not get to see him for more information

6. Eve Myers, single, dec.
7. Eli Myers
8. Daniel S. Myers
9. Franklin Myers, dec.
10. Sarah Myers, single, dec.

2. LYDIA MYERS

Lived Adams Co., Pa.

m—Josiah Mummert

*Children 4*

1. Elizabeth Ann Mummert, lives Philadelphia  
m—La Mare  
No issue
2. Sarah Mummert, single
3. Mary Mummert, dec., lived Hagerstown, Md.  
m—Baker, dec.

*Children 3*

1. William Baker
2. Katherine (Kit) Baker
3. Emory Baker, lives Baltimore
4. Maggie Mummert, lived near Kralitown, York Co.  
m—C. B. Krall



*Children 3*

1. J. Allen Krall, lived Culbertson, Montana  
m—Floss Hober

*Child 1*

1. Anna Margaret Krall
2. Wilmer Krall  
m—Phoebe Griest

*Children 2*

1. Earl Krall
2. Helena Krall
3. Frank Krall, lived York Co.  
m—Elizabeth Bentz

*Child 1*

1. Charles Krall

3. BARBARA MYERS, dec.  
m—James Gettys, dec., son of John and wife Mary Stough

*Children 11*

1. Oscar Gettys
2. Eva Gettys
3. Charles Gettys
4. William Gettys
5. Rosie Gettys
6. Daisy Viola Gettys
7. Mamie Gettys
8. Harrison Gettys, died at 19 years of age
9. John Gettys
10. Mazie Gettys
11. Melvin Gettys, died at birth

1. OSCAR GETTYS  
Lives near Shiloh, Pa.  
m—Amanda Thompson

*Children 10*

1. Annie Gettys
2. Maggie Gettys
3. John Gettys
4. Curvin Gettys
5. Mamie Gettys
6. Blanche Gettys
7. Howard Gettys
8. Goldie Gettys
9. Esther Gettys

10.

2. EVA GETTYS  
Lives between Mount Top and Wellsville, next to gas station  
m—John Smith

*Children 2*

1. Guersay Smith  
m—Elizabeth Linebaugh, daug. of Amos of Wellsville. No issue (1931)

2. Homer Smith, lives near Wellsville  
m—Mary Grist  
1 *Child*, a son

3. CHARLES GETTYS  
Lives near Red Run, York Co.  
m—Annie Gouchnour

*Children 11*

1. Cossie Gettys
2. Lizzie Gettys  
m—John Wolf
3. Clarabell Gettys  
m—Neal Leathery

*Child 1*

1. Burnett Leathery
4. Mandela Gettys
5. Malcolm Gettys
6. Rosie Gettys  
Other 5 *Children* died young

4. WILLIAM GETTYS  
Lives Smith St., York, near White Rose Park
5. ROSIE GETTYS  
Lives 800 West King St., York  
m—Oscar Lease

*Children 5*

1. Lester Lease, lives in Ohio
2. Mary Lease, lives York  
m—Paul Hoffman

*Children 3*

3. Vernie Lease, m—Earl Steffy
4. Martha Lease, at home
5. John Lease, at home
6. DAISY VIOLA GETTYS  
Lives Dillsburg, York Co.  
m—1903 Charles William Baker

*Children 5*

1. Margaret Baker, lives between Dillsburg and Franklintown  
m—1924 Harry Leathery

*Children 2*

1. Grace Leathery
2. Gene Leathery
2. Grace Baker, lives Williams Grove, Cumberland Co., Pa.  
m—1926 Guy Brandt. No issue
3. Floyd Raymond Baker, at home
4. Robert John Clark Baker, at home
5. Mary Louise Baker, at home

7. MAMIE GETTYS  
Lives 413 Juniper St., York  
m—Henry Kottmyer

*Children 4*

1. Eugene Kottmyer

2. Earl Kottmyer
3. Gladys Kottmyer
4. Myrtle Kottmyer
8. HARRISON GETTYS  
Died at 10 yrs.
9. JOHN GETTYS  
Lives York Co.  
m—Bertha Rank  
*Children 3*
  1. Bernice Gettys
  2. Claire Gettys
  3. Romaine Gettys
10. MAZIE GETTYS  
Lives York Co.  
m—Willis Wickey  
*Children 7*
  1. Evelyn Mary Wickey
  2. Beatrice Wickey
  3. Frances Wickey
  4. Ethel Wickey
  5. Walter Wickey
  6. Gene Elizabeth Wickey
  7. Died infancy
7. ELI MYERS (OF ANNA MARIA SMYSER)  
—1875  
Lived Adams Co., Pa.  
m—Caroline King, —1911  
*Children 8*
  1. Sophia Myers, died Denver, Colo.
  2. Milton King Myers, died young
  3. Lewis Myers
  4. Emmet Myers, died young
  5. Willis Myers
  6. Sonora Myers
  7. Mandela Myers
  8. Effie Myers
3. LEWIS MYERS  
Lives Dysart, Iowa  
m—Sarah Riddlesberger  
—1917, Mar. 4  
*Children 5*
  1. Ralph C. Myers, dec.  
Lived Kansas City, Mo.  
Mar. 5, 1887—1927, Apr. 5  
World War veteran  
b Franklin Grove, Ill.  
Passed away at the Brown Government  
hospital in St. Paul, Minn.  
May 10, 1918 he enlisted in the service

- of the U. S. His death due to heart  
condition contracted in the service
2. Charles L. Myers, Dec. 20, 1888—1918,  
Oct. 9  
He enlisted in the World War Feb. 26,  
1918  
In France on Oct. 9, 1918 he was carry-  
ing dispatches, when a shrapnel from an  
exploding shell struck him in the fore-  
head and he gave in full measure his  
devotion to his country and humanity.  
m—  
*Children 2*
    1. Mildred Myers
    2. Mabel Myers
  3. Vernie Myers, lives Cedar Falls, Iowa  
m—Meeker. They have children
  4. Mary Caroline Myers, lived Des Moines,  
Iowa  
m—Powell. They have children
  5. Galen Myers, died young
  4. EMMET MYERS  
Died young
  5. WILLIS MYERS  
1860—1912, Dec. 22  
m— , and lived Kansas City, Mo.  
*Children 2*
    1. Mildred Myers
    2. Mabel Myers
  6. SONORA MYERS  
Lives Dillsburg, on the Square  
m—Dr. William A. Yeagy, son of Henry of  
Adams Co. and wife Elizabeth Ann Reed  
Dr. Yeagy was a student at the University of  
Maryland. Graduated Jefferson Medical Col-  
lege, Philadelphia, class of 1890  
He died 1920, Mar. 30  
I received much of the Smyser-Myers history  
from Mrs. Yeagy
  7. MANDELA MYERS  
—1919  
Died at Mt. Alto Sanitarium
  8. EFFIE MYERS  
York  
m—Lincoln C. Tyson  
*Children 3*
    1. Anna Tyson, teacher in the Public  
Schools of Harrisburg  
Lives River View, Cumberland Co.



2. Ruth Tyson, m—Morris Household, dec.  
Lived Harrisburg

*Child 1*

1. Betty Jane Household  
3. Ferl Tyson, m—Hazel Bushman  
Live Gettysburg

*Children 2*

1. Josephine Tyson  
2. Genevieve Tyson

8. DANIEL S. MYERS (OF ANNA MARIA SMYSER)  
Feb. 3, 1839—1905, May 10  
During the Civil War he enlisted (Aug. 8, 1862) and served 9 months  
m—Margaret Myers

*Children 6*

1. Elmer G. Myers, lives Harrisburg, Pa.  
m—Ella Myers

*Children 2*

1. Portius Myers  
2. Monetta Myers  
2. Cora Myers, dec.  
m—John Lenker  
*Children 4*  
3. Colista Myers  
m—Harrison Routzahn  
4. Calvin Myers, dec., lived Williamstown, Pa.  
m—  
*Children ?*  
5 and 6 died young

- ? NANCY MYERS  
m—June 2, 1842 to Charles Spangler

- ? LYDIA MYERS  
m—Apr. 26, 1832 Andrew Brough

## John Jacob Smyser

### 2nd Child of Jacob Mathias and Elizabeth

2. JOHN JACOB SMYSER  
Apr. 18, 1771—  
Lived York Co.  
m—

*Child 1*

1. Catherine Smyser  
3. MATHIAS SMYSER, 1774—  
4. MARTIN SMYSER  
Lived York  
m—Sarah . No issue

Will Book M—254—1807.

To wife Sarah, etc.

To brother Daniel my carpenter tools, etc., etc.

To Catherine Smyser, daug. of my brother Jacob, 100 lbs. in case she die without issue, then to my wife Sarah absolutely.

Executors wife Sarah Smyser, brother Jacob.

Executors sold lot he had bought from Ignatius Leitner for 800 lbs.

In 1811 Sarah Smyser was m— to Welsh

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5. JOHN SMYSER  
July 17, 1779—1842, May 28

Lived Springfield Twp., York Co.  
m—Susan Lischy, daug. of Rev. Jacob Lischy, dec., of Codorus Twp.

*Children 4*

1. Maria Elizabeth Smyser, Feb. 19, 1804—  
2. J. Jacob Smyser, July 9, 1805—1850  
3.  
4. John Lischy Smyser, Oct. 25, 1811—

2. J. JACOB SMYSER

July 9, 1805—1850

Lived Seven Valleys

When the railroad was completed from Baltimore to York, Jacob Smyser opened the first store at this point, and the station was called *Smyser* in his honor

m—Mrs. Elizabeth Glatfelter, daug. of Adam Diehl

*Children 6*

1. Henry C. Smyser  
2. Katherine Smyser  
3. Emanuel Diehl Smyser  
4. Mary E. Smyser  
5. Henrietta Smyser  
6. Rev. Martin L. Smyser

1. HENRY C. SMYSER

Feb. 2, 1832—1906, Apr. 9

Lived Baltimore, Md.

m—Sept. 5, 1867 Rebecca Jane Jenkins, daug. of Thomas and wife Jane of Baltimore, Md.

*Child 1*

1. Elizabeth J. Smyser, lives Arbutus Ave., Halethorpe, Md.

m—Dec. 15, 1891 Benjamin W. Parsons

*Children 2*

1. Harry Smyser Parsons, lives Randalstown, Baltimore Co., Md.

m—Apr. 1, 1919 Elizabeth Tubman

*2 Children*

2. Sue Parsons, lives Halethorpe, Md.

m—Aug. 9, 1924 J. Roy McCrone, Jr.

2. KATHERINE SMYSER

Lived York

m—June 23, 1863 William A. Thompson, son of Alexander and wife Margaret McKinley

*Children 3*

1. Carrie L. Thompson, single
2. Alexander S. Thompson, dec.
3. William O. Thompson, lives 129 W. Market St., 3 up, York

m—Nov. 14, 1900 May Krager

No issue

Director York Co. Agricultural Society; treasurer York Masonic Corp. Insurance, Myers & Thompson; owner of several fine farms

A very fine-looking man; graduate Y. C. I. in 1890

County treasurer 1901—1902; democrat

3. EMANUEL DIEHL SMYSER

May 2, 1835—1909, Nov. 12

b in Seven Valleys

Died in Chambersburg, Pa.

m—June 4, 1861 in Baltimore, Md., to Mary Elizabeth Twilley, daug. of the late James B. and Catherine (Allen) Twilley of Cambridge, Md.

She died Feb. 14, 1904 from valvular heart disease

(Received this information Nov. 1929 from Mrs. Howard White)

*Children 2*

1. Mary Blair Smyser, b in Baltimore, Md.  
m—Sept. 11, 1895 Howard White, shoe merchant, son of Andrew Jackson White

and his wife Sarah Grove in Chambersburg, Pa.

Mrs. Howard White lives 5628 Hunter St., West Philadelphia, Pa. Her husband died Feb. 29, 1929 of pneumonia

*Children 3*

1. Howard Smyser White, chemical engineer, b in Philadelphia

m—Aug. 1, 1893 to Dorothy Alberta Leithold

*Child 1*

1. Mary Elizabeth White

2. Mary Elizabeth White

Dec. 26, 1902—1903, Aug. 11  
b Chambersburg, Pa.

3. Maurice Twilley White, mechanical engineer

b in Chambersburg, Pa.

m—July 4, 1925 in Philadelphia to Ruth Crawford Essick

*Child 1*

1. Marie Jeanette White, Mar. 20, 1927—1927, Mar. 23

2. Maurice Twilley Smyser, estimator  
b in Baltimore, Md.

m—June 19, 1907 in Philadelphia to Arabella Boyer

*Children 2*

1. Maurice Boyer Smyser, student at University of Pennsylvania, 1930

2. Edith May Smyser, in High School

4. MARY E. SMYSER

July 10, 1836—1916, May 11. 79—10—1

m—May 13, 1867 in York, Pa., to Charles A. Weaver, a druggist of Des Moines, Iowa

*Children 4*

1. Carrie E. Weaver

2. M. Lillie Weaver, 1635 Sixth Ave., Des Moines, Iowa

3. Frank S. Weaver

4. Paul Weaver, the only one married  
Lives Des Moines, Iowa

m—June 28, 1911 to Clara Pflanz of Des Moines

No issue

(This information was received from Miss M. Lillie Weaver in 1931)

5. HENRIETTA SMYSER

Died young



6. REV. MARTIN L. SMYSER

Oct. 12, 1841—1900, Oct. 29

m—Dec. 27, 1865 Lydia A. Hoffman

Located for some years in Baltimore

Buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, York

*Children 4*

1. William Emory Smyser

2. Jennie H. Smyser

3. Margaret Grace Smyser

4. Harry E. Smyser, died infancy

Rev. Martin Luther Smyser was born at Seven Valleys, Oct. 12, 1841. He was the son of Jacob Smyser (1806—1850) and Mrs. Elizabeth Glatfelter, née Diehl—Jacob being the son of John (1779—1842), who was the son of Jacob (1742—1794), who was the second son of Mathias (1715—1778).

Martin L. Smyser was educated in the public schools of York and Baltimore, and in the famous York Co. Academy.

At the age of 17 he became a teacher.

In 1862 he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church as a "Supply" on the Hampstead circuit in Baltimore Co., Md., and was admitted to the East Baltimore Conference in 1863.

In 1872 he was transferred to the Central Pennsylvania Conference, with which he was identified for the remainder of his life.

He held many important pastorates in this Conference, where he was warmly loved by the people he served. He was presiding elder of the Danville District 1882-86, and of the Altoona District at the time of his death.

By appointment of the Bishops, he represented his Conference at the Centennial Conference held in Baltimore in 1884. A state-wide Convention of Pennsylvania Methodism of which he was secretary, held in Harrisburg Oct. 1900, was largely the product of his imagination, enthusiasm and organizing ability. He died Oct. 29, 1900.

On Dec. 27, 1865, he married Lydia Ann Hoffman (1837—1921) of Baltimore Co., Md. She was the eldest daughter of William Henkel Hoffman (1809—1886) and his wife Margaret Shank. Her father was a paper manufacturer, a member of the Maryland Legislature in 1863, and of the Constitutional Convention in 1864, a strong anti-slavery man and one of the loyal supporters of the Union during the Civil War.

William Henkel Hoffman was the son of Peter Hoffman and Lydia Henkel, and the grandson of Wilhelm Hoffmann and his wife Susanna, who came to America from near Frankfurt-am-M. about 1765, and built the first paper mill in Maryland, where he made some of the paper on which the Continental Congress printed its money.

To this marriage were born four children: (1) William Emory Smyser (q. v.); (2) Jennie Hoffman Smyser (1868—); (3) Margaret Grace Smyser (1870—) who married Maslin B. Dunmire of Lewistown and Harrisburg, Pa., in 1914; and (4) Harry Emanuel Smyser, who died in infancy.

Jennie and Grace were educated at Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa., and Goucher College in Baltimore. They reside at 2002 N. Third St., Harrisburg, Pa., Mr. Dunmire having died in 1925.

1. WILLIAM EMORY SMYSER

Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio  
b Sept. 17, 1866, at the home of his maternal grandfather, in the house where his mother, her father and grandfather had been born, at Paper Mills, Baltimore Co., Md.

Mr. Smyser prepared for college at Williamsport, Dickinson Seminary, and was graduated B.A., *cum laude*, from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., in 1889. He was awarded the Junior Exhibition Prize and a Seney Prize for excellence in general scholarship for his Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years, and admitted to Phi Beta Kappa at graduation. As an undergraduate he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Mystical Seven.

He pursued graduate study in English at Johns Hopkins University, 1890-91, and received the degree of M.A. from Wesleyan on examination in 1892.

The year following his graduation he taught Latin at Williamsport, Dickinson Seminary, and was an instructor in English at Northwestern University in 1891-92.

In 1892 he was elected head of the department of English at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., vacating that chair in 1900 to become professor of English at Ohio Wesleyan University, where he organized the department which, under his leadership, has be-



WILLIAM EMORY SMYSER





come the largest in staff and enrollment of students in the University.

He served as professor of English at Ohio State University during the summers of 1909, 1910, 1911. In 1904 he added to his duties the organization and administration of the office of registrar, which he continued to direct until he handed it over to his successor in 1920.

He became Dean of the College in 1917, an office he continues to hold in conjunction with his work as a teacher. At the commencement in June 1925, his former students, in recognition of his twenty-five years of service, established in his name a fund for the purchase of books in English literature of the nineteenth century, the field of his chief interest, and the class of 1915 at the same time presented to the University his portrait (painted by Arvid Nyholm of Chicago) which now hangs in the College Library.

Dean Smyser was given the honorary degree of Litt.D. by the University of Chattanooga in 1916, and the honorary degree of LL.D. by Hamline University in 1927.

He is the author of a volume on Tennyson in the Series *English Poets and Christian Teaching* (1906), and of various essays and articles contributed to magazines and reviews, and he has lectured extensively on literary topics.

President of the Ohio College Association, 1924-25; president of the Central Ohio Schoolmasters Club, 1925-26; first vice-president of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, 1928-29, and a member of its commission on Higher Education since 1913, as well as chairman of its committee on the improvement of College Teaching, 1925-31. Member of the Senate of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1928.

During the Great War he was an Assistant Educational Director for the sixth district, S. A. T. C. (Ohio, Indiana, and West Virginia).

#### NÜRNBERG, GERMANY, JULY 6, 1931

And now I must tell you about my search for my great-grandmother, many times removed. We left our party at Cologne on Friday night and came to Nürnberg. Act-

ing on the advice of the head porter we hired an auto and a driver Saturday morning and set out on our search for Rugelbach. Our driver proved to be more than a chauffeur—he was a guide as well who made our interests his. The drive was through a wonderful country and over splendid roads, until we came to a village known as Schopfloch, where we turned into a narrow country lane that led us after a few miles to Rugelbach. But when we stopped and made inquiries for the Schmeisser Haus, in spite of our guide's many "Grüss Gotts," the denizens only shook their heads. So we went on two miles to Mark Lustenau, the parish town for the region, where at the Pfarrhaus (parsonage) we routed out a palefaced vicar, who opened his church and brought out the ancient records of the parish. Here was the church in which my ancestress was married, May 6, 1710 (the church is 600 years old), and the baptismal font at which her children were christened! And we saw the items in due form in the church register. I got two good pictures of the interior; but my effort to get the exterior of the church was disappointing. I could not get a good perspective that took in the entire edifice.

But that isn't the whole story. For while we were in the church, our guide was making inquiries in the village and found an ancient dame, Frau Hammer, who said that her husband's father's father used to tell of the Schmeissers who had gone to Pahnsylvahnia, and that the house was still standing in Rugelbach where it is now known as the Krantz Haus, being occupied by a family of that name! She told us where to find it; so we went back and easily identified it. It stands apart from the other houses, in a green field, on a slight elevation. Twilight was falling, and I did not succeed very well with my kodak. I got a picture, but it doesn't show the high pitched roof. Through the kind offices of our guide, we secured admission and saw the interior of the house. A central hall, with a sleeping chamber on either side, leads to the barn in which seven fine cows were lazily switching flies. Upstairs were two more sleeping rooms, in



one of which some sausages were hanging from the ceiling; and a kitchen with a great big tile kitchen stove on which the cooking is done—literally swarming with flies. They told us that the second floor had been constructed in 1870; that before that there was only a loft under the high roof where the hay had been stored for the cattle.

Going out of the town towards Dinkelsbühl, we passed a ruined mill which the guide said was all that was left of die Rothe Mühle (?) (The Red Mill) which had belonged to Anna Barbara's father—four walls of the first story only. But the mill stream was still there, flowing placidly as it did two hundred years ago, though it no longer turns a mill wheel.

Dinkelsbühl is quite the most fascinating town I have ever seen. We seemed to find ourselves in the heart of the middle ages. A wall with towers and a moat of placid water surrounded the town, which suffered siege and starvation many times during the 30-year war. The streets are jumbled together, as they are in all these old German towns; the quaint Gothic houses, with steep red roofs, the gables facing the streets and beautifully colored, sometimes frescoed, with window-boxes in full flower everywhere—it was all so wonderful that we wanted to stay for many days. But the long twilight was darkening, and we reluctantly told our chauffeur to take us back to Nürnberg. We have many pictures of Dinkelsbühl that we'll show you when we get back.

Tomorrow we leave here for Prague and Vienna. Then on to the Dolomites and Italy. We are both very well and happy.

William E. Smyser.

m—June 24, 1890 Elizabeth Arbuckle Craig (b 1867) of Middletown, Conn., also a graduate of Wesleyan University of the class of 1889. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Tau chapter. She is the daughter of James Craig and his wife Elizabeth Arbuckle, of Kilmarnock, Scotland, who came to America in 1851

#### *Children 4*

1. William Craig Smyser, b 1895
2. Dorothy Elizabeth Smyser, b 1897

3. Hamilton Martin Smyser, b 1901

4. Margaret Lydia Smyser, b 1903

#### 1. WILLIAM CRAIG SMYSER

b at Greencastle, Ind., Sept. 25, 1895

He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1917, and is a member of the Chi Phi fraternity

Shortly before graduation he enlisted in the 137th Field Hospital and served with that unit in France. After the Armistice was signed, he spent three months in graduate study at the Sorbonne in Paris.

He served as instructor in French at Northwestern University in 1919-1923, and received the degree of M.A. on the completion of a course of graduate study at that institution, 1922. He also spent a quarter of a year in the graduate department of the University of Chicago in 1926.

In 1923 he became instructor in French at Ohio State University, where he remained until 1926, when he was appointed assistant professor of French at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He became also registrar of that institution in 1929.

m—1917 Frances Holt of Delaware, Ohio

#### *Child 1*

1. Janet Ruth, b July 27, 1925

#### 2. DOROTHY ELIZABETH SMYSER

b at Greencastle, Ind., Jan. 22, 1897

She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1920

After serving at Hiram House Social Settlement, Cleveland, Ohio, she entered the Cleveland College of Education, from which she graduated in February, 1927. Since receiving her diploma here, she has been a Kindergarten in the public schools of Cleveland, and maintained relations during several summers with Goodrich Social Settlement in Cleveland.

#### 3. HAMILTON MARTIN SMYSER

b at Delaware, Ohio, July 28, 1901

He spent his freshman year at Wesleyan University and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1923

He is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon

Continued his studies in English in the graduate school of Ohio State University, while serving as instructor in English, receiving the degree of M.A. from that institution in 1924.





BAPTISMAL FONT—MARK LUSTENAU, GERMANY



PULPIT—MARK LUSTENAU, GERMANY



DAS SCHMEISSER HAUS





Served as assistant professor of English at Ohio University during the year 1925—26.

He entered the graduate department of Harvard in 1926, where he received the degree of M.A. in 1928, and is continuing his studies in English as a candidate for the degree of Ph.D. He has been serving as assistant in English at Harvard and Radcliff during his period of study.

4. MARGARET LYDIA SMYSER

b Oct. 28, 1902, at Delaware, Ohio

Graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in June 1924

She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta

Upon her graduation she became associated with social settlement work in New York City, chiefly in connection with Lenox Hill Neighborhood House. More recently she has been a member of the teaching staff of Hyde School.

m—Sept. 1, 1928 William Iler Crane of New York City

They reside at 333 E. 70th St., New York City

Will Book 3H—518—1921, Feb. 11.

Lydia A. Smyser lived Baltimore, Md.; died in York, Pa., widow of Rev. Martin L. Smyser; their children were William Emory Smyser, Jennie H. Smyser, and Margaret G. Smyser (m—Maslin B. Dunmire).

Executors, three children.

Her son who lives in Delaware, Ohio, Dean of the College of Wesleyan University, renounced executorship.

ITEM: To her granddaughter Margaret Lydia she wills a gold ring with initials L. H. on it: she received it from her grandmother.

3. MARGARET G. SMYSER (OF REV. MARTIN L.)  
Lives Harrisburg, Pa.

m—1914 Maslin B. Dunmire. No issue

## Catherine Smyser

### 6th Child of Jacob Mathias and Elizabeth

6. CATHERINE SMYSER

Sept. 19, 1782—

Lived near Hanover

m—Michael Eichelberger (—1801), son of Adam ("Capt. Adam") and wife Magdalena Bechtel

*Children 5*

1. Adam Eichelberger, Oct. 24, 1791—

2. Polly Eichelberger, Jan. 1793—  
m—Martin Ebert

3. Elizabeth Eichelberger, Apr. 10, 1795—  
m—Crum

4. Michael Eichelberger, Oct. 2, 1797—

5. George Eichelberger, Feb. 22, 1800—  
1869, Mar. 10

Prowell's History of York Co., vol. 2, Biog.,  
pages 199-730.

See page No. 246.

MICHAEL EICHELBERGER

Michael Eichelberger, second son of Captain Adam Eichelberger, was born May 17th,

1765. He was a rather delicate child and man, though rather large in frame. To him Adam left that home farm near Hanover, of which in his will he speaks as "my now dwelling plantation," which had been his father's. While quite young he married Catherine Smyser, by whom he had the five following children: Adam, Michael, George, Polly, and Elizabeth. Adam was a lad of ten years when his father Michael died, and poor Mrs. Eichelberger had her hands full enough; George, the youngest child, a babe in arms, and three others between that and ten years. She managed very nicely until Adam grew to manhood. He, at the age of 21, applied to the Orphans' Court to allow him to buy this place; and on the 18th of May, 1813, he received an order from that court, then sitting at York, which order, now yellow with age, is in my possession. In it Adam was allowed to buy the property for \$11,934, thus buying out the rights of his brothers, Michael and George, and his



sisters, Polly and Elisabeth, giving each \$1,587.07½, and to pay his mother every year thereafter the sum of \$238.06. At this time his sister Polly was married to Martin Ebert of York. She had no children, and after Mr. Ebert's death came back to Hanover, where for several years she lived with or very near the daughters of her brother George. She has been dead for many years.

The other sister, Elizabeth, or Betsy as she was more commonly called, married Mr. Crum, and early in her married life moved West, where all trace of her descendants has been lost.

#### SHERIFF ADAM EICHELBERGER

Adam, "Sheriff Adam" as he was called to distinguish him from the several other Adam Eichelbergers in his native State, in his after life was the fulfillment of my ideal, or as near as one ever comes to an ideal, of manly strength and physical perfection. He was so finely proportioned that unless one stood beside him he did not seem to be so large a man. He resided on the farm until he, in 1814, married Sarah E. Wolf, whose home was near Gettysburg, and then he continued living there for nearly ten years, when they went to York. He was sheriff of York county from 1833 to 1836, and emigrated to Indiana in 1837, taking all of his family but his daughter Susan, who stayed in York with relatives, and afterwards married Alfred Gartman, of that place. The eldest daughter of Sheriff Adam had married Henry Beitzel, of Hanover, in 1836; they and the Sheriff's family all (with the exception already noted) moved West together. The Sheriff and his son-in-law, Mr. Beitzel, built part of the first railroad in Indiana and West of the Alleghany Mountains, afterwards engaging in other occupations. After a life spent in the care of others, from the death of his father when he was but ten years of age down to the care of fatherless grandchildren—a life so full of care as to darken most lives—jovial, genial and hearty to the last, Adam Eichelberger died in Connersville, Fayette County, Indiana, on the 13th of May, 1847, only 56 years of age. His good wife, Sarah, four years his junior, preceded him to that better land by six years, dying on the 11th of August, 1841, in the

same town in Indiana. Their children were Anna M., Eliza, Sarah, Louisa, Rebecca, Susan and Amanda, daughters, and Henry, Michael and Martin, sons.

The eldest, Anna M., who married a Hanoverian, Henry Beitzel, lived in York until their migration to Indiana; they had seven children: 1. Sarah Eichelberger Beitzel who married a Mr. Gentry and had three daughters, all married and, I believe, doing very well; 2. Benjamin F., killed in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, June 18th, 1864, who never had married; 3. Marcellus, who married Fanny Henderson and raised a most interesting son; 4. Irene, who married C. M. Walker and has two daughters, now also married; 5. Mary L., now deceased, who married a Mr. Carroll and has one son, Frank Beitzel Carroll, of Mt. Vernon; 6. Alice, now Mrs. W. B. Commons, of Richmond, Indiana, has three children, Josephine, Irene, and Homer; 7. Flora Beitzel, the youngest, who married Albert Vogel, superintendent of a large organ factory at Wayne, Indiana, and has no children.

Eliza Eichelberger, second child of Sheriff Adam, was born at York in 1817, went to Indiana and after one year married George Freybaugher, by whom she has three sons and three daughters, the most of whom are living in Indiana.

Sarah, third daughter of the Sheriff, married, also in Indiana, to John M. Reed. They lived first at Cambridge, moved to Newcastle, and in 1856 to Newton, Iowa. This family were devout members of the Presbyterian Church there. Their children were: Josephine; Walter S., who died in California in 1880; Horace Mann, who died at the home farm in 1878; Rebecca, who died at the last home of this family in Indiana; Laura J., who married a Mr. Scott, had two sons and died in 1884; Mary Gertrude, who married a Mr. McCosh and has three children, all living in Newton, Iowa; and Miss Kate, who resides at the home place with her surviving parent.

Louisa Eichelberger in 1849 married Walter Crawford, by whom she has one daughter.

Rebecca, fifth daughter of Sheriff Adam, married Jesse Holton, by whom she has seven children: Sarah E., Augustus J., William Henry, Charles Payton, Martin C., George Watson, and Abraham Lincoln. (See page



No. 247.) Only the four younger ones of this family were living when I last heard. Their home was in Richmond, Indiana. The youngest son is the only one in our entire connection who, to my knowledge, was named for our martyred President.

Susan, as I said, became Mrs. Gartman, and lived and died in York; while Amanda, the youngest, married David Mount. She had only one child, a daughter, who married the owner of an extensive carriage factory in Connersville—Wm. McFarland.

Two sons of Adam and Sarah, Henry and Michael, never married, but became adventurous explorers. They went out to Nevada, Oregon, and California in the early days of the gold fever and, I think, died there.

Martin, the only son of Adam and Sarah to marry, went to Kansas about 1858 or 1860, married a Miss Dolph, and had one son Henry, who is now living in California. We could, however, find no trace of him, who is the only Eichelberger descendant in the third generation of Sheriff Adam, oldest son of Michael.

#### MICHAEL EICHELBERGER, JR.

Michael, Jr., was like his father a much more delicate man in build and general health than his brothers. He married Elizabeth, surname unknown, but died soon after the marriage, leaving no children. No trace of his widow is to be found.

#### GEORGE EICHELBERGER

George, the youngest child of Michael, Sr., was, as I have said, only an infant at the time of his father's death, but he grew up on the home place, which had belonged to his great-grandfather, and became attached to the place, so much so that when he became of age he bought it, married Sarah Diehl in 1822, and raised his family of eight children there.

George was born just one hundred years ago. He, too, was a large man, but not so large as his brother Adam. He became quite a prominent politician, was a democrat, and there was hardly any position which he might not have had from his party, had he wished for it. He was County Commissioner for many years, and was a born political leader.

He left the farm when his son Michael came to an age to take it, bought a house in

Hanover, where he resided for some years prior to the death of his esteemed wife in 1865. He survived her only four years, dying at the age of 69 years. Four of his children died before him: Anna Maria at the age of seventeen; Sarah, the namesake of her mother, at the early age of four; his own namesake, George W., died when nine years old; and Michael D., at the age of 36 years.

Martin, oldest son of George and Sarah, married Catherine Geiselman. He was born in 1823, married in 1844, and had three sons but only one daughter, Mary, who married Daniel M. Herbst, of Hanover, by whom she had two sons, very unfortunately losing one just a short time ago by the hand of that death-angel to whom it is so hard to reconcile our hearts.

Martin's oldest son, George W., married Maggie Curry; had one child, but father, mother and child have all passed away. Michael E., next son of Martin, married Ida Lau; they are living in Adams County, and raising three sturdy young representatives of the name, Martin Luther, George E., and Sadie B.

Emory K. Eichelberger, youngest child of Martin and Catherine, married Alverta Kindig; they have no children. They lived first on a farm not far from Hanover, but are now residing in that town on Frederick Street. Mr. Eichelberger and wife are following in the footsteps of their ancestors and worshipping in that Lutheran Church which their earlier forefathers helped to build—St. Matthew's. Martin Eichelberger died May 26th, 1889, his good wife preceding him but seven days.

Michael D., next son of George and Sarah, married Elizabeth Hershey, took the home farm on his marriage; there his two sons were born, and there he died in early manhood, the third of his name to settle there, marry and die before reaching their fortieth year. His two sons, Henry and Edward, are both married, but we could not find their place of residence, nor trace of their families.

Franklin, fourth son of George, married Louisa Hershey. He and she are both dead now, but they lived in the upper part of Adams County and raised a large family. Elsie and Willie died young, but the rest are



all married, although it was impossible to find the names of their matrimonial partners or their children. They were Albert E., Sarah, Hiram, Riley, Charles, Howard, Edward, Cora, and George. Their descendants will have to fill out this part of the record with good deeds for their descendants to read of.

The youngest son of George was Charles F. He, too, loved the old Eichelberger farm, and took it at the death of his brother Michael. He lived upon it many years, but sold it to me about fourteen years ago. I have the chain of titles from him, down even from the grant of the Penns. From here Charles F. married Susan Menges, and brought her here as his bride; here his children were born. Ira, William, Martin and George were his sons, and Ella (Mrs. Bollinger), Clara (Mrs. Hershey), Addie (Mrs. Raber) and Jennie (Mrs. Miller) were his daughters. They and their children are living in York County. Ira married a Miss Baumgartner, and William, Ida Winters. They have children. The two younger sons are still single. Last spring, Charles F. Eichelberger died, very unhappily. He is buried near his home of later years, New Baltimore, York County. His widow still survives him.

Louisa Catherine, youngest child of George and Sarah, and the only daughter of this family who survived her girlhood, is married and living in Hanover. She has married a descendant of Jacob Eichelberger, brother of Adam her forefather, and the history of herself, her children and her husband, William J. Young, will be given in another place in this book. This closes the line of Michael, second son of Adam Eichelberger, Sr.

#### SAMUEL EICHELBERGER

Samuel, the third son of Captain Adam, was born in 1769, and married Catherine Smyser, a young woman who bore the same name as the lady who had married his brother Michael, and who at one time we rather took to be his widow; but the order granted by the Orphans' Court to allow Michael's son Adam, when he came of age, to take the home place, speaks of her in 1813 as the widow of Michael Eichelberger, so we saw our mistake, which was also corrected by a great-granddaughter.

Samuel and Catherine were married in 1790. They lived on the "Mill Place," left Samuel by his father. He had also a sawmill and the water rights and privileges appertaining thereto, as well as an additional hundred acres. Their children were: John Adam, who married Rebecca Nace (Naze), but had no children, and died when but 27 years of age; Magdalene, who was a deaf mute and never married, but lived to be almost 70 years of age; Maria Catherine, who died when only two; and Louisa S., who died at the age of four. Samuel S. and Jacob S. were the only sons, while Susannah, Elizabeth, Anna Catherine, and Lida completed the list of daughters.

#### SAMUEL S. EICHELBERGER, JR.

Samuel, Jr., the second son, was a farmer; he married Elizabeth Rudisill and had a large family, most of whom moved to Missouri. He was born on the "Mill Place," near Hanover, but when prepared to make a home for himself, he bought a farm in Carroll County, Md.

He was a small dark man, while his wife was large and fair; they both died in their fifties and lie buried in Maryland in a cemetery near their farm. Andrew, their oldest son, was born near Hanover and moved with them to Maryland where, in 1853, he married Isabelle Keyser. They appear to have moved first to Jefferson County, West Virginia, but soon moved to Boonville, Mo., and in 1866 to Pilot Grove in that State.

Before leaving the Eastern home Andrew and his wife had joined the church of his fathers, but upon making their home in Missouri, they found that they would have to forego that privilege as there were at the time no English Lutheran Churches in that part of the States, so they joined with the Cumberland Presbyterians and were consistent members of the same to their lives' end. Isabelle Eichelberger was a lovely Christian woman, and her husband, though more aggressive, became a strong power for good, both in the church and in the community where he made his home. He founded Pilot Grove Academy, where one of his sons is now teaching. He died the last of last April, at the age of 76 years, his wife having preceded him to the better land in May, 1892.



In September, 1893, he married Mrs. S. L. Phillips, who still survives him.

Of his children, George William has become known to most of you by his Evangelistic meetings all over the country. Solely at my request, he gives the following:

He was born on the very day on which his grandmother died, July 28th, 1855, and grew up on the Missouri farm. He attended the district school in winters as did his brothers and sisters, and entered McGee College, then Cumberland University, graduating in 1878. Five years later, his Alma Mater gave him the degree of M.A.

Upon leaving college, his father founding Pilot Grove Academy, he became first principal. Soon after he entered the ministry, first of the Cumberland Presbyterian, then of the Lutheran Church.

Finally making Chicago his home, he lives there most of the year when not traveling on Evangelistic work, and now belongs to the Northern Illinois Lutheran Synod. He holds Evangelistic meetings all over the West, has held them in California, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. He has the names of nearly thirteen thousand converts made in his meetings, most of whom he has received into the church.

Received the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1899.

He married Annie B. Bowling of Kentucky. She died November 6, 1896, leaving him one child, Roberta Bowling, born February 10, 1888. This child, although so young, bids fair to become a prodigy as a singer, and when not at school accompanies her father when he is conducting services, and often sings alone, much to the delight and pleasure of the listeners.

The two youngest of Andrew's children died young. James M. is living on a farm in the vicinity of Pilot Grove, married Alice Cordry, by whom he has eight children, Jasper E., Anna B., Eula M., Roger, William Andrew, Gertrude, James G., and Wear. They are not yet old enough to have homes of their own, the oldest being only nineteen, the youngest born last April.

Andrew Hoke Eichelberger who, being of the same name as his father, is called "Hoke," is now teaching in the Pilot Grove Academy; he was married in 1886 to Sallie Tavenner and has four children, all still young people, Clara, Lillian, Bessie, and Andrew, Jr.

The only daughter of Andrew and Isabelle is Sallie Elizabeth who, after being educated as well as the Academy permitted, was brought East, near the old home of her grandfather's school days at Hanover, where she spent one winter at her studies. After returning she met and married an evangelist like her brother George, only that he was not spared for a life of like usefulness, as he died in a few years after their marriage, leaving his widow alone, as no child had come to bless their union.

Samuel C., the second son of Samuel, Jr., was born, lived and died in Carroll County, Md. He married Margaret Fogel, also a native of Maryland. Samuel was a miller by trade, but farmed most of his life. They had two children, the first who died while still a mere infant, the second a son, George. Of this young man we have not the slightest trace, I am sorry to say. Samuel, the father, died in his 37th year.

Frederick Emanuel, third son of Samuel, Jr., or Samuel Smyser Eichelberger, died while a lad of tender years, and the youngest child, Elizabeth, only lived to be two years of age. Washington and Adam S. both emigrated to Missouri, either with or in the wake of their brother Andrew, as did the sister Maria (Mrs. Mowry), who lives in or near Pilot Grove. She and her sister Anna (Mrs. Donner) and Jacob and Adam S. are now the only living ones of nine children of Samuel S. and Elizabeth.

Washington, fourth son of this couple, was born in Maryland, in 1836, and moved to Missouri where in 1866 he married Maria Jane Merritt, by whom he had six children—Jacob L., Daisy A., Thomas S., Myrtle, Susie A., and Nathaniel Henry. The two eldest are married; the daughter to Frank Oswald, and now has a little daughter of her own; Jacob L. to Hattie Custer, and has one son, Henry.

Jacob H., fifth son of Samuel C., lives on his farm in Frederick County, Md. He mar-



ried Emma Freshour, who bore him two girls, Clara E. and Elsie; the mother and daughter Clara have died, and the father and Elsie live alone.

Adam S., fifth son of Samuel S., married Savilla Favorite in 1867, and has two living children (sons) both living in Missouri. Harvey C., the eldest, is married to Mollie Helms, while Frank is still single. This closes the line of Samuel, Jr., and we will now return to that of his father, Samuel, Sr.

#### JACOB S. EICHELBERGER

Jacob S., third son of Samuel, Sr., was born in 1808; lived on a farm near Hanover, York County, Pa., most of his life; was married in 1831 to Mary Mechlin, by whom he had nine children. Sarah E. married Barney Rudisill; Louisa M. married Adam Smith, of Maryland, and had four children. Adam S. in 1861 married Sarah H. Schaeffer, and had two sons, Isaac S. and Alexander. The elder of these is a bachelor and resides in Los Angeles, California, where he has fine business prospects. His brother Alexander, Adam S. and wife, died while comparatively young and are buried in the Mennonite Cemetery on the York road.

Johanna C. M., third daughter of Jacob S. and Mary Mechlin, married Jacob S. Bealing and resides in Hanover; they have three living children, all having homes in Hanover. William Henry D., the second son of this family of Jacob's, volunteered in the United States Army during the Civil War, in 1864, as a member of Company E, 207th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. This regiment was twice publicly spoken of and thanked for the bravery of its soldier boys in battle. In the battle of Fort Sedgwick, April 2, 1865, young William was severely wounded, and died several months later in the military hospital at Hampton, Virginia, aged only 20 years, 10 months and 18 days.

Joseph Monroe, the next child of Jacob, died in his thirty-first year, unmarried; while his next sister, Mary Ellen, after living with her parents, being their solace and comfort through declining years, now lives alone near the Fair Grounds on York Street, in Hanover.

Miriam Alice, the youngest daughter, died when little more than 20 years of age; she lies

resting for that great day in the cemetery where lie so many of this family—that cemetery donated by and where rest the ashes of the founder of this entire line, Captain Adam Eichelberger.

Nelson married twice, his first wife being Anna Strausbaugh, his next Lily Russell, but he has no living children. He is a widower, making his home now in Hanover, then in Baltimore. He had only one son, who died in childhood and with whom closes the history of the sons of Samuel and Catherine.

Susannah, the oldest daughter of this couple, who lived to a marriageable age, was married to Henry Rudisill, a farmer of Heidelberg Township, York County, Pa. Elizabeth, the next, married John Bixler in 1831, while Anna Catherine married Jesse Spangler, of York. She dying in a few years, her widowed husband married her youngest sister, Lida. These four daughters all raised families and have descendants scattered over York County today.

So closes the line of Samuel—the third son of Adam Eichelberger, who only came of age two years and eleven months after his father's death, and who died in the fifty-ninth year of his life, leaving this large number of descendants who are scattered from the Golden Gate to the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

#### ADAM EICHELBERGER, JR.

I am very sorry to say that concerning this next son, Adam Eichelberger, Jr., I cannot give much, although I have made many attempts to trace the whereabouts of his thirteen children. Adam not only had the name but the face and figure of his father, and was said to look more like him than any child he had. In his will his father speaks of him as "Adam, the younger." He left him a farm next to the "Home Farm," a place about 143 acres.

At the age of 24 years, Adam, Jr., married Susannah Schmeisser who bore him nine children, all of whom, we think, were born on this farm. Here rumor says Susannah died and Adam soon after sold the farm and went to Cumberland County, where he bought a farm and grist mill. Shortly after this he married a widow, a Mrs. Forney, first name unknown, who bore him four more children.



Adam Eichelberger, Jr., died at the early age of 48 years, leaving his second wife and thirteen children to survive him. He lies buried in the Largsdorf graveyard, near Kingston, Pa.

Of his family, John Michael died young, George S. was in the War of 1812, though young for a soldier, as he was born in 1787. About 1816, the most of Adam's children seem to have emigrated to Ohio. George, Adam, Samuel and Henry all married—as did their sisters—Elizabeth to John Robb, second husband Harman; Susannah to David Orris; Sarah to John Miller; and Mary to a Mr. Speer; these are all now deceased.

Of the second marriage, Joseph remained single, Isabelle married a Mr. Beniser, Hettie a Mr. Crider, and Susan a Mr. Hirchnell; these also are deceased. Of the children of George, Samuel and Henry, I know nothing. If there should be any such living, they can by this trace their lineage.

Of Adam, son of Adam, Jr., I know only of two sons, William and Simon. This Adam settled in Ashland, Ohio, and died there only a few years ago, within a few days of the great age of 90 years.

His son Simon still resides there as a retired farmer. He was born in April, 1827, in Cumberland County, Pa., and has married and has four living children, one daughter and three sons, each the head of a family.

William Eichelberger, grandson of Adam, Jr., was born in 1831, and died in Indiana in 1893. He married Susan Mell, by whom he had ten children, eight now living, five sons—John Adam, William Allen, Benjamin Franklin, Harvey A., and Joseph Elmer; one one residing in Ohio, two in Indiana and two in Illinois, all married and having children. Of the daughters, Celesta married Jerome Boyer, and Celia Charles Shoesmith, while Ella is still single.

Adam, Jr., and his sons as well as grandsons, all seem to have been either farmers or millers, while the younger generation appears to be business men. Moved to Hanover 1848.

(I had much of all this material.)

Copied from the EICHELBERGER FAMILY RECORD, 1693 to 1900, in the Historical Society of York County.

## Daniel Smyser

### 7th Child of Jacob Mathias and Elizabeth

#### 7. DANIEL SMYSER

Mar. 19, 1785—

m—1810 Sarah Herman, daug. of Emanuel and wife Catherine (Mar. 2, 1754—1833, Mar. 12). Sarah Herman, Mar. 11, 1792—1868, Dec. 26

#### *Children 5*

1. Maria Smyser, Feb. 9, 1811—
2. Adam Smyser, Aug. 3, 1813—
3. Herman Smyser, Jan. 25, 1815—
4. Sarah Smyser, Jan. 20, 1820—1822, Mar. 18
5. Jacob Smyser, July 7, 1823—

#### 8. PETER SMYSER

Aug. 24, 1789—1834

Lived Baltimore Co., Md.

m—Oct. 3, 1816 Anna Maria Shank, called Polly or Mary

Ref.: Book 15—124—1834. Will in Balto., Md.

To beloved wife Mary \$125. annually, etc.

Eliza Smyser, daughter of Peter of Wiseburg, Baltimore Co., Md. m—Oct. 1, 1833 Nicholas Woodward. Margaret Smyser \$100 at marriage. Claveta Smyser \$100 at marriage.

#### *Children 3*

1. Elizabeth Smyser, Aug. 2, 1817—
2. Mary Smyser, Mar. 3, 1819—, sp. Martin and Maria Ebert. m—Pleasant Hunter
3. Clarissa Smyser, 1823—  
m—Felix Theodore Stanwinkle or Stna-winkle

All that is known 1931 of this family.

Part of this from Musser to Mathias, Jr.

#### "9. ADAM SMYSER

Lived Baltimore Co., Md.

m 1st—Sarah

She died 1829 in Shrewsbury

#### *Children 2*

1. Zachariah Smyser
2. Caroline Smyser. m—John Fahringer



"m 2nd—Leah Shank (sister of Peter Smyser's wife Mary) June 4, 1830, by Rev. J. G. Schmucker

*Children 3*

1. Adam Smyser

2. William H. Smyser  
m—Mary Folchomer, daug. of Jacob and wife Susan Boyer  
3. Sarah (Sallie) Smyser  
m—John Onion"

## Mathias Smyser, Jr.

### 4th Child of Mathias 1st and Anna Catherine

#### 4. <sup>f</sup>MATHIAS SMYSER, JR.

Feb. 1, 1744—1829, Feb. 21. 84—7—21  
m—Mar. 5, 1770 Louisa Slagle (May 2, 1744—1820, Aug. 26), daug. of Jacob Slagle and wife Anna Catherine Clay

*Children 10*

1. Louisa Smyser, b 1771, died infancy
2. Maria Catherine Smyser, Feb. 21, 1772—1842, Feb. 6
3. George Smyser, July 7, 1774—1857, Oct. 3
4. Jacob Smyser, baptized Oct. 15, 1776—1855, Feb. 11
5. Anna Maria (Polly) Smyser, Apr. 23, 1780—1829, May 15
6. Mathias Smyser, Dec. 29, 1782—1843
7. Martin Smyser, b Dec. 29, 1783, died infancy
8. Philip A. Smyser, Dec. 8, 1785—
9. Elizabeth Smyser, Mar. 14, 1789—1790
10. Henry Smyser, Jan. 4, 1792—1855, Aug. 31

Will of Mathias Smyser, Jr.

Book Q—132—1814.

In the name of God, Amen!

I Mathias Smyser the elder of West Manchester Twp., York Co., Pa., being aged and infirm, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following:—

First and principally I give my soul to God who gave it, and my body I direct to be decently and in a Christian manner interred at the discretion of my executors; as soon as possible after my decease, I order that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

ITEM:—I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Louisa all my household and kitchen furniture, linens, flax, hemp; one horse, two cows, to have and to hold the same unto her

absolutely. I also give unto her the sum of 200 lbs., 100 in 3 months after my decease the other 100 to be paid to her, when she may require the same.

And further I give and bequeath unto my said wife during her life the annual interest on 4 bonds due to me, by my sons George and Jacob, payable at the decease of myself.

I also give to my said wife the ground rents of 8 lots of ground in Bottstown which I bought of Jacob Bott, as also the use of the stone dwelling house and kitchen we now occupy; the  $\frac{1}{3}$  part of the big cellar, under the log house, the third part of the Spring house, the third part of the two gardens and the privilege of using water of the Spring or elsewhere; and I further give to my said wife during her life the annual provisions and benefits secured to us and the survivor of us by two articles of agreement, one executed by Jacob Smyser, my son, dated Sept. 22, 1804, the other one executed by my son Mathias, Feb. 1, 1810.

ITEM:—I give and devise unto my son Mathias Smyser 3rd my dwelling plantation and tract of land with all the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging, containing 190 acres, be the same more or less, adj. lands of Jacob Smyser, Michael Smyser, Jacob Hoke and others, to have and to hold, the same to him, his heirs and assigns, and I value the same to him in the sum of 2900 lbs. whereof I gave him 1000 to equalize him with his brothers George and Jacob; of the remaining 1900 lbs. he has paid 725 lbs. and the balance, 1175 lbs., I order him to pay my estate as follows, viz.:—on every 1st day of April for 3 successive years after this date, he is to pay 125 lbs. and the remainder he is to pay 100 lbs. every year; and I further direct my said son Mathias shall pay to me in my life



time any part of said balance; the sum or sums so paid shall be credited to him as part payment of such balance, but no interest is to be allowed him on such payments.

ITEM:—I give and devise to my sons Philip and Henry Smyser, their heirs and assigns, as tenants in common the tract of woodland in Codorus Twp. containing 25 acres adj. lands of George Boyer, Philip Smith, Shetter and others.

ITEM:—I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine, the wife of Samuel Eichelberger, 1100 lbs. and I direct that any monies that may stand charged in my book against them or him, shall be accounted as part of such legacy.

ITEM:—I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly, the wife of John Emig, 1100 lbs. and I devise any monies that may stand charged in my book against them or her shall be counted as part of such legacy.

ITEM:—I give and bequeath to my son Philip Smyser the sum of 1700 lbs. and I direct that the consideration of the deed of conveyance given him by me for the house and lot of ground in the borough of York, viz. 700 lbs., as also any sum or sums of monies that may be charged in my book against him, at my decease shall all be accounted as part of the sum so given to him.

ITEM:—I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Smyser the sum of 1700 lbs. and I direct that the sum, which I paid for his Tanyard and appurtenances, viz. 1150 lbs., as also any sum or sums of money which he may have received and which was charged against him in my book at my decease, shall be taken and accounted as part of his said legacy and it is my will that neither of my sons or daughters shall account for any interest on such charges or advancements made to them aforesaid.

Having conveyed plantations to my sons, George and Jacob and hereby devise my dwelling place unto my son Mathias and allowed the sum of 1000 lbs. out of the price of such plantation, I consider the sum of moneys and other benefits willed to Henry and Philip as equivalents to the benefits received by their 3 brothers.

ITEM:—I further give to my said sons

Philip and Henry as tenants in common the ground rents on my Bottstown lots and all rights and titles thereto, reserving the same to my wife as aforesaid during her life in case she survive me. To hold the same to my two sons and assigns, reserving as aforesaid.

ITEM:—At my decease or the decease of my wife, if she survive me, the two Bonds of 50 lbs. each will become due by my said son Jacob and I hereby give the same in equal shares to my four children, namely:—Catherine; Anna Mary; Philip and Henry and their representatives.

ITEM:—At my decease or decease of my wife, if she survive me, it is my will that my executors cancel or give up to my son George or his representatives the two bonds of 50. each, which I have on him and which would then fall due.

Further it is my will that if any of my two sons Henry and Philip shall have received from me advancements or monies to the amount of 1400 lbs. or upwards he shall not receive any further sums of his legacy until my two daughters are each made up the sum of 800 lbs. including the charges against them, and until the other son shall also have received the sum of 1400 lbs. of the legacies herein before given them.

ITEM:—All the rest and residue of my estate that shall remain after the foregoing dispositions are satisfied it is my will shall be equally divided among all my children.

Lastly I appoint my two sons Philip and Henry Smyser my executors, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness, etc., Fifth day of July 1814.

Witnesses:

Charles A. Barnitz

(Signed)

William Barnitz

Mathias Smyser

Children mentioned in will: Catherine Smyser, m—Samuel Eichelberger; Polly (or Anna Maria) Smyser, m—John Emig; George Smyser, m—Catherine Gardner; Jacob Smyser, m—Elizabeth Emig; Mathias Smyser, m—Elizabeth Eyster; Philip Smyser, m—Susan L. Hoyer; Henry Smyser, m—Catherine Spangler.

1. LOUISA SMYSER  
Died infancy



2. MARIA CATHERINE SMYSER  
Feb. 2, 1772—1842, Feb. 6  
Lived York  
m—Aug. 2, 1790 Samuel Eichelberger (Jan. 5,  
1769—1828, Apr. 22), third son of Capt.  
Adam

*Children 10*

1. John Adam S. Eichelberger, Nov. 26,  
1791—1818, Jan. 2
2. Magdalena Eichelberger, deaf mute,  
Dec. 14, 1793—1863, Mar. 1
3. Maria (or Mary) Catherine S. Eichel-  
berger, Nov. 19, 1796—1798, Feb. 25
4. Louisa S. Eichelberger, Dec. 5, 1798—  
1802, June 9
5. Samuel S. Eichelberger, Mar. 6, 1801—
6. Susanna S. Eichelberger, Oct. 9, 1803—  
1851, Aug. 23
7. Elizabeth S. Eichelberger, Jan. 8, 1806—
8. Jacob S. Eichelberger, May 9, 1808—
9. Anna Catherine S. Eichelberger, Oct. 2,  
1810—1830, Feb. 2
10. Lydia S. Eichelberger, Jan. 20, 1814—

1. JOHN ADAM S. EICHELBERGER

m—Mar. 23, 1815 Barbara Naze (Nace)

5. SAMUEL S. EICHELBERGER

b Mar. 6, 1801

m—Elizabeth Rudisill

6. SUSANNA EICHELBERGER

Oct. 9, 1803—1851, Aug. 23. 47—10—14

Lived Heidelberg Twp.

Granddaug. of Philip Fred Eichelberger and  
Mathias Smyser 1st

m—Mar. 25, 1822 Henry Rudisill (Nov. 12,  
1797—1891), youngest son of Andrew and  
his wife Elizabeth Wildasin, daug. of Jacob

Henry Rudisill was a farmer of Heidelberg  
Twp., where he died at the age of 94 yrs.  
Buried at Bear's Meeting House on the York  
road, three miles out of Hanover.

*Children 12*

1. Andrew E. Rudisill, Aug. 10, 1823—  
Lived Heidelberg Twp., died in Hanover
2. Henry E. Rudisill, Oct. 27, 1824—  
Moved to Green Co., Ohio
3. Adam E. Rudisill, Mar. 23, 1826—  
Lives in Iowa
4. Samuel E. Rudisill, Jan. 25, 1828—  
Lived Penn Twp., York Co.
5. Edward E. Rudisill, Dec. 5, 1829—  
Lived Dayton, Ohio

6. Sarah Catherine E. Rudisill, Dec. 30,  
1831—

m—C. A. Sultner, York

7. Amanda S. Rudisill, b Feb. 16, 1834  
Died young

8. Louisa E. E. Rudisill, Sept. 17, 1836—  
Lived York

9. Henrietta M. E. Rudisill, Aug. 9, 1839—  
Lived Hanover

10. Maria E. Rudisill, Jan. 2, 1841—  
Lived Hanover

11. Reuben E. Rudisill, Mar. 1, 1843—  
Lived Hanover

12. Aaron E. Rudisill, Dec. 22, 1844—

RECORD OF MARRIAGES OF HENRY RUDISILL'S  
CHILDREN

My son Henry was married on the 2nd  
day of Jan. 1851 in the state of Ohio to  
Sarah Brown, daug. of William of Green Co.,  
Ohio.

My son Andrew E. Rudisill of Heidel-  
berg Twp. was married on the 4th day of  
Dec. 1851 to Sarah Moul, daug. of Solomon  
of same Twp.

My son Adam E. Rudisill of Heidelberg  
Twp. was married on the 25th of Dec. 1851  
to Susan Fundenburg, daug. of George of  
Clark Co., Ohio.

My son Samuel E. Rudisill was married  
5th of Sept. 1852 to Sybilla Myers, daug. of  
George of Paradise Twp., York Co., Pa.

My daug. Sarah Catherine E. Rudisill  
married 21st of Oct. 1852 to Charles Albert  
Sultner of Spring Garden Twp.

My son Edward E. Rudisill not married.

My daug. Louisa Elizabeth E. Rudisill  
married Henry Sereff.

My daug. Henrietta Matilda Rudisill mar-  
ried Samuel T. Nase (Naze).

My daug. Maria E. Rudisill married Jacob  
Myers.

My son Reuben E. Rudisill married Polly  
Myers.

My son Aaron E. Rudisill married Jan.  
14, 1869, to Amanda M. Forry, daug. of  
John and wife Nancy.

DEATH RECORD OF HENRY RUDISILL'S  
CHILDREN

Amanda Susanna died Nov. 12, 1836.  
2 yrs., 8 mos., 26 days.

Adam E. died June 15, 1853. 27 yrs., 2 mos., 23 days.

Edward E. died Dec. 1, 1861. 31 yrs., 11 mos., 26 days.

Samuel E. died Jan. 29, 1879. 51 yrs., 4 days.

Andrew E. died Mar. 28, 1882. 58 yrs., 7 mos., 18 days.

Maria E. died Mar. 27, 1883. 42 yrs., 2 mos., 25 days.

Louisa Elizabeth E. died Apr. 27, 1902. 65 yrs., 7 mos., 10 days.

Henrietta Matilda E. died June 26, 1908. 64 yrs., 10 mos., 16 days.

Sarah Catherine E. died Apr. 20, 1914. 82 yrs., 3 mos., 21 days.

Aaron E. died Oct. 3, 1918. 73 yrs., 9 mos., 11 days.

Reuben E. died Apr. 17, 1928. 85 yrs., 1 mo., 16 days.

Edward E.—No record.

#### RUDISILL FAMILY

The genealogy of the family, as far as it can be ascertained, begins with Wyerley Rudisill, who emigrated from Germany at an early date.

He was a tailor and, as far as is known, had but one son, Andrew, born May 17, 1756, and two daughters, Eve and Elizabeth.

He married the daughter of Jacob Wildasin, her name Elizabeth.

They had four sons and three daughters, their names: Polly; John; Andrew; Eve; Elizabeth; Jacob, and Henry.

Andrew died Jan. 22, 1821. 64—6—22.

Henry Rudisill, the youngest son, was born Nov. 12, 1797, in Heidelberg Twp. Married Susanna, daug. of Samuel Eichelberger, Mar. 25, 1822. They had 12 children, namely: Andrew; Henry; Adam; Samuel; Edward; Sarah Catherine; Amanda Susanna; Louisa Elizabeth; Henrietta Matilda; Maria; Reuben, and Aaron.

Amanda Susanna died in infancy. Henry Rudisill married Jan. 2, 1851.

#### 12. AARON E. RUDISILL

Dec. 22, 1844—

Lived Heidelberg Twp.

m—Amanda Forry, daug. of John and wife Nancy Myers

After their marriage they moved to Hanover, Pa., he engaging in the feed business 8 yrs.;

then moved to Adams Co. near Gettysburg, to a farm. Remained there 3 yrs., then moved to Eberton, now West York

Retired from active work in 1895

#### *Children 8*

1. Annie S. Rudisill
2. Sadie M. Rudisill
3. Amelia B. Rudisill
4. Worley F. Rudisill
5. Harry J. Rudisill
6. Percy M. Rudisill
7. Amanda J. Rudisill
8. Minerva F. Rudisill

#### MARRIAGE RECORD OF AARON E. RUDISILL'S CHILDREN

Anna (Annie) S. married 28th of Feb., 1892, to Joseph F. Graybill of W. Manchester Twp.

Sadie M. married 24th day of Jan., 1893, to Wilbert M. Heindel of York.

Amelia B. married June, 1893, to William H. Seeger, Springfield Twp., York Co.

Worley F. married 1st day of May, 1898, to Agnes Spahr of Bigmount, York Co.

Harry J. married 9th of April, 1899, to Ellen Dettinger of W. Manchester Twp.

Amanda J. married 27th of March, 1900, to Harvey J. Deveney of West York.

Percy M. married 2nd of May, 1901, to Dora Pflagmann of Alexandria, S. Dakota.

Minerva F., a great-great-granddaug. of Mathias Smyser 1st, married Dec. 24, 1908, to George A. Smyser, direct descendant of Mathias Smyser 1st, who immigrated to America 1731.

See Col. Michael line for Geo. A. Smyser and family

1. ANNA (ANNIE) S. RUDISILL  
m—Feb. 28, 1892 Joseph F. Graybill of West Manchester Twp.

#### *Children 3*

1. Warren Graybill, m—Emma Lehman
2. George Graybill, dec.  
m—Clara Lonkoski
3. Ellen Graybill, m—Ernest Bishoff

#### *Children 3*

1. Betty Bishoff
  2. Ellen Bishoff
  3. Jean Bishoff
2. SADIE M. RUDISILL  
m—Jan. 24, 1893 Wilbur M. Heindel



3. AMELIA B. RUDISILL

m—June, 1893 William H. Seeger, Springfield Twp.

*Children 7*

1. Amanda Seeger, m—David Sollerman

*Children 4*

1. David Sollerman
2. Martha Sollerman
3. Walter Sollerman
4. Elmire Sollerman, dec.

2. Edna Seeger, m—Zimmerman

*Child 1*

1. Irene Zimmerman

3. Mary Seeger, m—Runkle

*Children 3*

1. Elmer Runkle
2. Junior Runkle
3. Janet Runkle, dec.

4. Clara Seeger, m—William Trimmer

*Child 1*

1. Jeannine Trimmer (as given me)

5. Treva Seeger, m—Earl Miller

*Child 1*

1. Eugene Miller

6. Marlet Seeger, m—Frieda Klayhold

*Children 5*

1. Martin Seeger
2. Treva Seeger
3. Dorothy Seeger, dec.
4. Marie Seeger
5. Catherine Seeger

7. Fannie May Seeger, m—George Peters

*Children 14*

1. Fannie Peters, dec.
2. Gertie Peters
3. Silva Peters
4. Hilda Peters
5. Thelma Peters, dec.
6. Edward Peters
7. Elnora Peters
8. Florence Peters
9. Floyd Peters
10. Solona Peters
11. Alac Peters
12. Lavere Peters
13. Leona Peters
14. Harry Peters

4. WORLEY F. RUDISILL

m—May 1, 1898 Agnes Spahr of Big Mount, York Co.

*Children 10*

1. Aaron S. Rudisill  
m—Catherine Minnich. No issue

2. Raymond E. Rudisill  
m—Carrie Spangler

*Children 2*

1. Raymond J. Rudisill
2. Jean Rudisill

3. Alda R. Rudisill  
m—William Landis

*Children 2*

1. Edward Landis
2. Louise Landis

4. Warden W. Rudisill, dec.

5. Wilbur Rudisill, m—Catherine Glessner

*Children 3*

1. Betty Rudisill
2. Robert Rudisill
3. Helen Rudisill

6. Emma Rudisill, m—Gorden Glessner  
No issue

7. Roy Rudisill, m— Sunday. No issue

8. Sara Rudisill

9. Dorothy Rudisill, twin

10. Florence Rudisill, twin. Died infancy  
All live in York

5. HARRY J. RUDISILL

m—Apr. 9, 1899 Ellen Dettinger of W. Manchester Twp.

*Children 4*

1. Lilly Rudisill, m—Edward Bankert  
Live Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Pa.

*Children 2*

1. Edward Bankert, Jr.
2. Dorine Bankert

2. Garmen Rudisill, died infancy

3. Pauline Rudisill, m—William Myers  
No issue

4. Sadie Rudisill, m—Russel Baum

*Child 1*

1. Russel Baum, Jr.

- 2, 3 and 4 live in York

6. PERCY M. RUDISILL

m—May 2, 1901 Dora Pflagmann (Flagman or Plagman). She is now dec.  
Live Alexandria, S. Dakota

*Children 7*

1. Elmer Rudisill, lives York

2. Minerva Rudisill, m—Harry Winters  
Live Mitchell, S. Dakota

*Children 3, all boys*

3. Dora Rudisill, m—Jack Flute  
No issue  
Live Emery, S. Dakota
4. Esther Rudisill, at home
5. Aaron Rudisill, at home
6. Seville Rudisill, at home
7. Anna Rudisill, at home
7. AMANDA J. RUDISILL  
m—Mar. 27, 1900 Harvey J. Deveney

#### *Children 3*

1. William Deveney
  2. Catherine Deveney, dec.
  3. Ray Deveney
- Copied by George A. Smyser and daughter Sarah Smyser
8. MINERVA RUDISILL  
Lives York  
m—George A. Smyser

## George Smyser

### 3rd Child of Mathias Jr. and Louisa

#### 3. GEORGE SMYSER

July 7, 1774—1857, Oct. 3

Lived York Co., York and Gettysburg, Pa.

m—Catherine (Kitty) Gardner (Oct. 25, 1779—1838, Mar. 9)

George Smyser was born in York Co.

Moved near Gettysburg and later into that town

He was one of the original commissioners to organize the Bank of Gettysburg (1814), now called Gettysburg National Bank; was president of the Bank 1824—1829, and a director 1819—1836 and 1839—1840.

He was associate judge of Adams Co., Pa., 1841—1857.

Served as a lieut. in a company of volunteers that marched to the defense of Baltimore in the War of 1812.

#### *Children 2*

1. Daniel Martin Smyser, Feb. 27, 1809—1873, Jan. 11

m—Mar. 6, 1832 Catherine Barbara Miller (May 10, 1814—1890, Mar. 21), daug. of Mathew Miller, Esq., late of Carlisle, Pa.

They were married in Carlisle by Rev. Hare

Daniel Smyser grew up in his native County of Adams; he graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., with the degree of A.B. He read law and was admitted to the bar.

He became noted as a Pennsylvania lawyer, and his attainments brought him

into close association with other notable men of his time. He was once a law partner of the famous Pennsylvania and national character Thaddeus Stephens. He practiced law for a number of years in Gettysburg, Pa., served in the state legislature and finally was elected presiding judge of the 7th Judicial District of the State, comprising Montgomery and Bucks Counties. While in that office the family moved to Norristown, and that was his home the rest of his life. He died in Gettysburg in 1873 from his fourth attack of apoplexy, while on a visit to his daughter.

He was an active whig during the existence of that party. Subsequently became a republican.

At one time he was offered the position of Attorney General of Pennsylvania, but declined it. In 1854 he was the whig candidate for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, but on account of the rupture of the "Know Nothing Party" the entire whig ticket, with the single exception of the Governor (Pollock), was defeated. Judge Jeremiah Black of York was the successful democratic candidate.

Judge Smyser and family were members of the Episcopal Church. He was for many years a vestryman of St. John's Church.



As a writer, lawyer and jurist, he was held in the highest repute throughout the State.

Mrs. Smyser, née Catherine Barbara Miller, daughter of Mathew and his wife Jane Galbraith, during her residence in Norristown was president of the Ladies Monument Association, by whom the Monument to the Soldiers and Sailors of Montgomery Co., Pa., in the War of 1861-1865 was erected.

In Gettysburg she was active in establishing the Church (Episcopal) of the Prince of Peace. She died from heart failure.

#### *Children 5*

1. Catherine Jane (Jennie) Smyser, 1834—
2. George Mathew Smyser, 1836—
3. Eugene Miller Smyser, 1842—
4. William Gardner Smyser, 1845—
5. John Daniel Smyser, 1849—

#### 1. CATHERINE JANE SMYSER

Aug. 12, 1834—1891, Dec. 27

Lived Norristown and Gettysburg

m—by Rev. Steim June 19, 1856 Judge David Wills (Feb. 3, 1831—1894, Oct. 27), son of James J. Wills and his wife Ruth Wilson

He graduated from Pennsylvania College in 1851 and soon after went to Cahaba, Ala., as principal of the academy at that place. He remained 1 year, then returned to Pennsylvania and began the study of law with Thaddeus Stephens at Lancaster, Pa.

Was admitted to the bar in 1854 and at once began the practice of law in Gettysburg.

In 1854 he was elected County Superintendent of Schools in Adams Co., serving one year.

In 1874 he was appointed by Gov. Hartrift, President and Law Judge of the 42nd Judicial District, comprising Adams and Fulton Counties.

Retiring from the bench, he became president of the Baltimore and Cumberland Railroad; attorney and director of various local railroad companies and president of the Gettysburg National Bank. He was the recognized leader of the Adams County bar and in the state for his legal ability and integrity.

Immediately following the Battle of Gettysburg, he conceived the idea of a National Cemetery on Cemetery Hill. The idea was favorably accepted by all the States having Union soldiers in the battle, and Judge Wills was elected president of the commission. The cemetery was consecrated Nov. 19, 1863, at which service Edward Everett was the orator and President Lincoln delivered his ever memorable address.

The President was the guest of Judge Wills, and it was at his home that the President gave the finishing touches to his address.

#### *Children 7*

1. Catherine Smyser Wills, Apr. 17, 1857—1879, July 26
2. Mary Eugene Wills, lived Gettysburg, and Baltimore, Md.  
—1930, Nov. 17  
m—June 4, 1879 John S. Bridges 7th, of Jane Bridges 6th, of Eliza Swope 5th (married Forney), of Henry Swope 4th, of Conrad Swope 3rd, of John Swope 2nd, of Yost Swope 1st in this country  
He was b Dec. 4, 1856  
Is a highly respected citizen of Baltimore, Md.; proprietor of a printing and engraving establishment in that city

#### *Children 5*

1. John S. Bridges, Jr., b Dec. 19, 1880  
Lives Baltimore, Md.  
Educated at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2. David Wills Bridges, b Jan. 12, 1883  
Lives Baltimore, Md.  
Educated Massachusetts Institute of Technology
3. M. Eugenia Bridges, b Jan. 15, 1889  
Lives Baltimore, Md.  
Educated at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.  
m—Charles L. Reeder
4. Helen Bridges, lives San Mateo, Calif.  
Educated Bryn Mawr College  
m—G. Robert Schumann
5. James W. Bridges, 1892—1893
3. Annie M. Wills, dec.  
m—John McCurdy of Steelton, Pa.
4. Jennie Wilson Wills, dec.  
m—William P. Quimby of Philadelphia



5. Emma Ruth Wills, —1894, Oct. 31  
m—Edward McCammon of Gettysburg
6. David Wills, 1868—1873
7. James Wills, 1876—1882

Judge David Wills, attorney at law, Gettysburg, is a native of this grand old commonwealth, a descendant of Scotch-Irish pioneers of Pennsylvania, from whence came many of the illustrious names that adorn American history. The story of the Scotch-Irish in America, though they came here only in sparse numbers compared to other nationalities, is one of the most interesting and edifying of the chapters of our nation's history. No people have ever before so strongly impressed their remote descendants with the distinguished qualities of themselves as they have. Their vigor and strength of character, their fearless courage, their strong mental and physical characteristics, their unconquerable endurance and tireless activity have been the web and woof of some of the most illustrious lives in American song and story. Judge Wills can trace his family history back to 1578, to Carrickfergus, Ireland. David Wills came to America in 1730 and settled on a farm in Chester County, Pa. He reared three sons, of whom David Wills, Jr., was the eldest. The latter removed to Cumberland County, this state, in 1750, and settled on a farm. He reared three sons, of whom James was the eldest, who also had three sons, one named James Jack, who was the father of the subject of this sketch. James J. was born in Cumberland County in 1802, and his wife, Ruth Wilson, was a native of Adams County. She was the only daughter of George Wilson, an influential farmer and merchant of Menallen Township, Adams County, whose ancestors emigrated from County Tyrone, Ireland, about 1750. Our subject was born in Menallen Township, Adams County, one of two children, David and Ruth, the latter of whom is married to William Walhey, a farmer, living near Bendersville, this county. In early life James J. Wills was a farmer, whose intelligent industry brought him great prosperity, and in the latter years of his life he retired from the farm and for the benefit of his children took up his abode in Gettysburg. In 1835 the heavy visitation of death

came to this little household in the demise of Mrs. Wills, and left him with his inconsolable grief to travel alone, save the companionship of his orphaned son and daughter, that path that leads us all to the silent city, whose gates were opened to him in the year 1883. James J. Wills was long a prominent and influential man in the affairs of the county, widely known and respected for his many excellencies of head and heart. In politics he was active and influential in early life as a whig, and then as a republican. He filled, with ability and credit, the office of county commissioner, and was for many years an acting justice of the peace. David was thirteen years old when he left the farm with his father's family. He was long enough there to lay the foundation of that ripe and solid education that has always distinguished the men of excellence in our country. The active boy here gathers lessons that, apparently, he can find nowhere else. With his farm duties he attended the district school. He was then sent to Pennsylvania College, where he graduated in 1851, when he at once pushed out into the wide world and fearlessly took up the wager of battle in the struggle of existence. He went to Cahaba, Ala., and became principal of the academy of that place, and at the end of the scholastic year returned to his native State and entered the office of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens as a law student at Lancaster. He was admitted to practice in 1854, and at once opened his office in Gettysburg, where he has since remained. His success in his chosen profession was marked and brilliant from the first, and of all this his previous life as a student, or as principal of the academy, had given abundant evidence of his abilities. He entered the preparatory department of the college in 1845, joined the Philomathean Society, and was awarded the distinguished honor of contest orator. Young as he was, impressing the older boys at school, as he has impressed his fellowmen since, that strength of intellect and force of character are commanding qualities. He has several times been burgess of the borough of Gettysburg, and also served as president of the town council, and councilman and attorney for the borough of Gettysburg for ten years. He was elected county superintendent of schools of Adams County in 1854, being



the first officer elected to that position under the new law, creating and defining that office. Upon him there developed the work of organizing and systematizing the complex affairs of this position, and the results show that the selection was a most fortunate one for the people. He is now, and has been for nearly thirty years, a director and the attorney for the Gettysburg National Bank; president of the Baltimore & Cumberland Valley Railroad since 1880, and also director and attorney of the Gettysburg, Hanover & Baltimore Railroad systems. In 1874 he was elevated to the high and important judicial position of judge of the Forty-second Judicial District, and here, as elsewhere, filled the many and difficult requirements of his exalted position ably and well. He organized and carried to completion the Gettysburg National Cemetery, organizing the association, interesting the governors of the eighteen states whose soldiers are buried in the cemetery, and awakening the splendid charity and patriotism of the people of the whole country, that has resulted not only in these magnificent grounds, monuments, avenues and memorial stones of this great national cemetery, but from Judge Wills has come, flowing out from his work here, the entire system of battle-field cemeteries of the entire country. The surviving soldiers and, especially, the descendants of those who repose in these beautiful cemeteries, should, as they certainly will, hold the name of Judge Wills in ever grateful remembrance. And when love and affection have tenderly laid his form to rest, this splendid cemetery, its beautiful gravelly walks, its trees and flowers and lawns, its many gleaming granite columns, all will be his fitting and perpetual monument. (See page 175, et seq.)

June 19, 1856, Judge Wills was married to Jennie W., daughter of Hon. D. M. Smyser of Norristown. To this union seven children have been born, four of whom are living, as follows: Mary E. wife of John S. Bridges, of Baltimore; Annie M., Jennie W. and Emma R. The family is attached to the Presbyterian Church, of which Judge Wills has been an elder for the past fifteen years, and for the last ten years Sunday school superintendent. The Judge has been very frequently sent as a delegate to the Presbytery of Carlisle, and also as commis-

sioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. In 1880 he was sent by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States as a delegate to the Alliance of the Reformed Churches of the World holding the Presbyterian system, which met in the City of Belfast, Ireland, in June, 1884, and took an active part in that distinguished body, doing good service on some of its important committees.

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AND ADAMS COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA  
IN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF YORK COUNTY

2. GEORGE MATHEW SMYSER (OF JUDGE DANIEL MARTIN)  
1836—1837

3. EUGENE MILLER SMYSER  
1842—1916  
Lived Philadelphia  
m—Harriet Edwards, 1847—1907

*Children 3*

1. Jennie Wills Smyser, in 1915 living at Forest Hills, Long Island

2. William Gardner Smyser  
m—Oct. 5, 1910 Mary Jane Thompson of Kingston, N. Y.

3. Eugene Smyser, died young

4. WILLIAM GARDNER SMYSER  
June 28, 1845—1926, Feb. 15  
Died in San Diego, Calif., where he and his wife were spending the winter  
He was in his 81st year  
He was born in the historic town of Gettysburg, Pa. Attended the Public Schools of Norristown, Pa.; also Tremont Seminary, and entered the Polytechnic College of Philadelphia, graduating in 1865 in the civil engineering course

He worked in the mountains as a civil engineer for one year.

During 1867—1868 he was assistant engineer on surveys made by the original Union Pacific Railway Co., Eastern Division (now part of the U. P. Railway), across the country along the 32nd and 35th parallels from Kansas to the Pacific Coast.

When Los Angeles was reached in 1868 the town had a population of about 7000, mostly Mexicans; now (1930) it is a city of nearly or quite 1,000,000.



Mr. Smyser's activities with different railroads are too numerous to be all mentioned here. Suffice it to say that in 1879 he went with the Santa Fé when it was confined to the States of Kansas and Colorado; now it extends from Chicago to Denver; from Wichita, Kansas, to Galveston, Texas.

He continued actively with the Santa Fé until 1908. He then retired, but maintained his home in Topeka, Kansas, 822 8th Ave., until in 1922 he sold it and moved to Hanover, Pa.

m—Sept. 17, 1878 Louisa Gitt, daug. of Joseph Gitt and wife Margaret Baughman  
They were married in New Oxford, Pa.  
No issue

Mr. Smyser was for many years vestryman of Grace Cathedral, a trustee of Christ Hospital, and secretary of the Foster Humane Society.

(Since Mr. Smyser's death, on one of my trips between New York and Chicago, I saw a beautiful new Pullman sleeper with the name "SMYSER" in large gilt letters on its side; a lovely tribute to the many years of faithful service of Mr. Smyser.—A. L. X.)

#### 5. JOHN DANIEL SMYSER

1849—1915

Moved from place to place as he was with the Marine Corps

m 1st—June 29, 1871 Mollie Walker Bradford, daug. of a paymaster of the Navy  
She died Mar. 4, 1872

No issue

m 2nd—1876 Mrs. Annie Smith Forbes

#### *Children 3*

1. Catherine Barbara Smyser, died infancy
2. Nannie Smyser  
m—Joseph D. Brooks of Baltimore, Md.
3. John Daniel Smyser, Jr., M. D.  
Physician of Florence, S. C.  
m—Aug. 29, 1912 Jane Sue Saunders

#### 2. MARGRETTA SMYSER (OF GEORGE)

Sept. 21, 1806—1869, July 30

Lived Gettysburg, Pa.

m—in St. James' Lutheran Church, Gettysburg, to George Swope (Jan. 17, 1801—1879, Apr. 8), son of John, of Conrad, of John, of Yost Swope

George was a merchant for a number of years. Director and president of the Gettysburg National Bank for 30 years.

Member St. James' Lutheran Church. The handsome tower that surmounts that Church is a memorial to him, erected by his son at a cost of \$5,000—a very large amount for that day.

For many years he was director of the Hanover and Gettysburg Railroad.

John Swope, his father, b Oct. 10, 1763, in Hanover; died 1844, July 12; m—Catherine Karl (1770—1860, Dec. 8), daug. of G. A. Karl. Members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

#### *Children 2*

1. George Edwin Swope, 1826—1826
2. Dr. John Augustus Swope, Dec. 25, 1827—1910, Dec. 6

m 1st—Oct. 9, 1849 Emma C. Wirt of Hanover, May 28, 1829—1826, Aug. 12

Dr. John A. Swope graduated from Princeton College, class of 1847. Graduated in medicine from University of Pennsylvania, but did not practice any length of time. Entered into business in Baltimore, Md., where he continued for some years, after which he retired and returned to his native town, Gettysburg.

After the death of his father, he became president of the National Bank.

He was elected to the 48th and 49th Congresses of the U. S. on the democratic ticket. After his election he moved his family to Washington, D. C., where he purchased a residence. He was vice president of the Washington Loan and Trust Co.

He died in Washington.

#### *Children 4*

1. Ella Wirt Swope, Feb. 27, 1851—1911, Feb. 5
2. Margaret Smyser Swope, b July 25, 1853—
3. Katherine Amelia Swope, Aug. 22, 1856—
4. Emma Wirt Swope, Dec. 4, 1858—1860, Dec. 27

Died in Baltimore

#### 1. ELLA WIRT SWOPE

Lived Gettysburg, Pa.

m 1st—Rev. W. S. Heindel, clergyman of the Presbyterian Church



*Child 1*

1. Norman Heindel, b Sept. 6, 1875  
m—Mar. 20, 1901 Eleanor McConnel of  
Baltimore, Md.

*Children 3*

1. Jean Swope Heindel, b Apr. 7,  
1902
2. Neuman Hadley Heindel, b Sept.  
6, 1904
3. Eleanor Heindel, b June 19, 1907  
m 2nd—Charles E. Kerler

*Child 1*

1. John Swope Kerler, died infancy  
Mrs. Charles E. Kerler lives in Gettysburg
2. MARGARET SMYSER SWOPE  
b July 25, 1853  
Lived Williamsport, Pa., until after the death  
of her husband, when she moved to Balti-  
more, Md., where she lives on Maryland Ave.  
m 1st—Dr. James L. A. Burrell

*Children 4*

1. George Swope Burrell, June 7, 1879—  
1879, Aug. 1
2. James L. A. Burrell, b July 9, 1880  
b in Williamsport, spent many years in  
Germany as Vice Consul for the U. S.
3. Blanche Mitchell Burrell, b July 24, 1884  
m—Chase of N. Y.
4. John Swope Burrell, b Aug. 27, 1891  
Lives Grand Rapids, Mich.  
m 2nd—June 19, 1915 Amos Musselman of  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

3. KATHERINE AMELIA SWOPE

b Aug. 22, 1856

Lived Washington, D. C.

m—Hon. Harry M. Claybaugh (died 1914)  
He graduated from Pennsylvania College,  
Gettysburg, in 1877

Was a talented lawyer and Chief Justice of  
Supreme Court, D. C.

For some years they lived at Tanneytown,  
Md., where he purchased the Old Ege Man-  
sion. After some years they moved to Bal-  
timore.

*Children 2*

1. Helen Margaret Claybaugh, b Oct. 23,  
1881  
m—Paul Lamberton of Washington, D. C.
  2. Emma Catherine Claybaugh, b Sept. 10,  
1886  
m—Beale Blowman. 1 Child
2. DR. JOHN AUGUSTUS SWOPE (OF MARGRETTA  
SMYSER)—Continued  
m 2nd—Aug. 31, 1866 Mary Blanche  
Mitchell  
—1912, May 7  
Lived Washington, D. C.

*Children 3*

1. Ethel Genevieve Swope, June 7, 1868—  
Lived Baltimore, Md.  
m—Edward McRee, a lawyer
2. Blanche Mitchell Swope, b Sept. 9, 1874
3. George Ivan Swope, b July 8, 1876 in  
Gettysburg, Pa.

## Jacob Smyser

### 4th Child of Mathias Jr. and Louisa

4. JACOB SMYSER

Aug. 15, 1776—1855, Feb. 11

Lived Spring Garden Twp.

m 1st—Sarah

m 2nd—Mrs. Elizabeth Heinrich (née Pentz)  
They had a marriage contract, etc.; promised  
her much if she remained his widow

*Children 6*

1. David Smyser, 1806—1879
2. Anna Maria (Polly) Smyser  
m—Peter Diehl

3. Elizabeth Smyser, m—Peter Bott

4. Susan Smyser, m—Samuel Gross

5. Louisa Smyser, m—Benjamin Myers

6. Sarah (Mary) Smyser, 1816—1893

m—Henry Ebert (Feb. 9, 1809—1884,  
Mar. 28); he was a son of a descendant  
of Adam Ebert (b 1747) who m—Eliza-  
beth Eyster

A pioneer in Manchester Twp.

His ancestors immigrated from Holland  
and Germany

Will of Jacob Smyser.

Book U—202—1851.

I Jacob Smyser of Spring Garden Twp., etc., etc.

ITEM:—To my present wife Elizabeth, formerly Heinrich, in addition to marriage contract, which was executed July 23, 1839, prior to our marriage.

My two adjoining one story brick houses in Frystown so long as she remains my widow. After her death to be divided into 6 equal shares to my children Anna Maria; David; Susanna; Louisa; Elizabeth; Sarah. Deduct what has already been given them.

To son David the farm and in cash \$5,200.

1. To daug. Anna Maria and husband \$5,000.

2. To daug. Elizabeth and husband \$3,000.

3. To daug. Louisa and husband \$4,413.

4. To daug. Susanna and husband \$3,885.

5. To daug. Sarah and husband \$3,100.

To son David all my wearing apparel.

Executors: Son David Smyser, widow Elizabeth Heinrich, née Ulrich of Warrington Twp.

Release of heirs of Jacob Smyser.

Book 3Y—329—1856.

To Executor David Smyser:

I Anna Maria Diehl wife of Peter Diehl.

I Elizabeth Bott wife of Peter Bott.

I Louisa Myers wife of Benjamin Myers.

I Susanna Gross wife of Samuel Gross.

I Sarah Ebert wife of Henry Ebert.

I David Smyser, son.

Each child received almost \$10,000.

#### 1. DAVID SMYSER

July 28, 1806—1879, Jan. 7. Lived York Co. m—Mar. 25, 1831, Rebecca Eyster, daug. of William and wife Elizabeth Spangler. She was b 1811, died 1900, Feb. 3. Buried Wolf's Church. Her father Wm. Eyster, son of Elias, son of Christian Eyster who m—Margaret Schmeisser.

##### *Children 11*

1. Eliza Smyser, 1832—1909, June 10, single

2. Martin Smyser

3. Sarah A. Smyser

4. Alexander Smyser, died infancy

5. Louisa Smyser, 1838—1913, Apr. 23

6. Henry Harrison Smyser, 1840—1898, Dec. 4

7. Mary Ann Smyser, 1843—1879, Feb. 4

8. Jacob Mathias Smyser, 1845—

9. Charles E. Smyser

10. D. Albert Smyser, Aug. 30, 1851—1931, Feb. 26

11. Amanda Smyser, 1857—1920, Apr. 12

Not all in line as to age

When David Smyser died, he was the owner of 1000 acres of land in York Co. and 200 acres in Adams Co., Pa. All valuable land. He lived only a few miles from York

#### 2. MARTIN SMYSER

Lived York

Coal and grain merchant

m—Sarah Spangler, a Harbaugh and Laucks descendant

##### *Child 1*

1. Nettie V. Smyser, lives Linden Ave., York

m—June 1889 William Franklin Weiser, son of Franklin S. and wife Barbara R. Stahl

He is a descendant of Conrad Weiser, who for many years was a very influential man in the early days of Pennsylvania

b Oct. 2, 1865

Bank teller

##### *Children 4*

1. Martin Smyser Weiser

2. Jacob Spangler Weiser, died infancy

3. William Donald Weiser, died infancy

4. Mary Julia Weiser

#### 1. MARTIN SMYSER WEISER

Student York Collegiate Institute for several years. Military Institute, Louisville, Ky.; later entered Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, Pa.

No war clouds darkened the horizon of America then, so he turned his attention to peaceful pursuits and entered Drexel Institute for the study of architecture, 1 year. Later spent 2 yrs. with Electric Light Co. of York.

On July 8, 1914, he joined the force that was sent to restore order along the Mexican border. Served 7 months with the 1st Troop of Philadelphia Cavalry.

May 17, 1917, his 26th birthday, he went into the officers' training camp at Niagara,



N. Y. He received the commission of 2nd lieutenant, and rose to 1st lieutenant. He was assigned to Camp Mead, Newport News, and to the transport service.

He made 8 trips across the ocean with troops and supplies. Stricken with the Spanish influenza which at that time was claiming its victims by the thousands, he finally succumbed after every effort had been made to save his life.

He passed away at Fort McHenry, Oct. 7, 1916.

4. MARY JULIA WEISER

Lives York

m—Nov. 18, 1926 Edwin A. Barnitz, son of Robert and wife

6. HENRY HARRISON SMYSER (OF DAVID)

July 16, 1840—1898, Dec. 4

Lived West Manchester Twp.

m—Minnie Minnich

*Child 1*

1. Dr. H. David Smyser, York

Graduated York High School, class of 1891; University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, including his medical course, class of 1900

Enlisted in the World War Medical Corps, in the Gas Defence Department. Commissioned lieutenant.

He was in training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; then Fort Sill, Okla.; Presideo, San Francisco, Calif.; Fort McArthur, San Pedro, Calif.; Fort Stephens, Oregon; Port Eustis, near Newport News, Va.

Promoted to captain. Ready to go across when the Armistice was signed.

m—July 1, 1900 Annie Barbara Warner, daug. of William and wife Louisa Pfile

*Children 2*

1. David Warner Smyser

Graduated Ann Arbor, Mich., class of 1925, civil engineer

June 1931 he returned to York after 3 yrs. in South America with the Inter-Continents Power Co.

2. Philip Richard Smyser

Graduated Ann Arbor, Mich., class of 1925

Agent for Cadillac and La Salle automobiles in Lancaster, Pa.

7. MARY ANN SMYSER

1843—1879, Feb. 4. 36—1—5

Lived in York Co. and York

m—Samuel L. Bowman, No issue

He received about \$10,000 from his wife's estate m 2nd—a wealthy western lady

From a Newspaper Clipping:

Recall residence here of rich Seattle man:

“Samuel L. Bowman, retired wealthy real estate operator, who died in Seattle on April 19 and who has 12 heirs in York Co. who benefit by his will, lived in York, Pa., in the seventies. He was then associated with Jacob Gillen in the horse and mule business.

“Mr. Bowman's home at that time was at 14 East Phila. St. according to the old system of marking or numbering houses. Soon after his wife's death in 1879 Mr. Bowman joined in the rush to the West and settled near Walla-Walla, Wash.

“Later he located in Seattle and is said to have cleaned up millions in the real estate business in that city.

“Before his death he is said to have distributed much of his wealth in benefactions in the city of his adoption. One of the large business blocks in Seattle was built through his enterprize.

“At the time of the National Conclave of Knights Templar meeting in Seattle several years ago, Thomas Shipley met Mr. Bowman who was delighted to meet one who could tell him of York and its development. Mr. Bowman was a Knight Templar and both of these men have, in western parlance, ‘gone over the divide.’ ”

8. JACOB MATHIAS SMYSER

Mar. 18, 1845—. Lived West Manchester Twp. He left the farm and came to York, where he was in the grain business for 16 months. He then went into the milling, grain and coal business for 8 yrs., then moved to East Berlin, Adams Co.; lived there 8 yrs.—in general banking business. 1889 moved back to York Ref.: Prowell's Biog. History of York Co.

m—Amanda J. Smyser, daug. of Adam and his wife (m 1830) Eliza or Elizabeth Brillinger (See Adam Smyser and Eliza Brillinger line of Col. Michael)



### Children 8

1. Nettie Smyser, died at 22 yrs.
  2. Annie Smyser, m—Fred Brunhouse
  3. David H. Smyser, Dallas, Texas
  4. Mathias Smyser
  5. Mary E. Smyser, m—William Ebert
  6. Adam Smyser, studied law, University of Pennsylvania
  7. Lucy E. Smyser, single
  8. Jacob M. Smyser, single
9. CHARLES E. SMYSER  
Mar. 22, 1849—1910, Oct. 11  
m—Mary A. Hoke, daug. of Martin Hoke and wife Sarah Ebert
10. D. ALBERT SMYSER  
Died suddenly Feb. 26, 1931, at eleven a. m. at his residence, 418 West Market St. Although not in the best of health for a number of months, Mr. Smyser was bedfast only twenty-four hours. Death was caused by a complication of diseases. He was 79 years old, b Aug. 30, 1851  
He was the 10th of 11 children born to Mr. and Mrs. David Smyser, who resided along the East Berlin road three miles west of York. He was a retired farmer and made his home at the Market Street address for the past twenty-five or thirty years. He was a member of Wolf's Church.

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### 14 PUBLIC BEQUESTS IN D. ALBERT SMYSER WILL

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\$15,000 of \$175,000 Estate Goes to Church and Charity Boards

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### TRUST FUNDS CREATED

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In the will of D. Albert Smyser, disposing of an estate of \$175,000 and upward, three trust funds are set up and there are outright bequests to 11 church, school and public charitable organizations. These trust funds and bequests total \$15,000. They are:

To the York Trust company \$1,000, the interest on which is to be used for the salary of the Lutheran minister of St. Paul's (Wolf's) church in West Manchester township.

To the York Trust company \$500, the interest on which is to be used for the salary of the Reformed congregation minister of the same church.

To the York Trust company \$2,000, the interest on which is to be used for repairs and current expenses of the same church, other than ministers' salaries.

York Hospital and Dispensary, \$1,000.

York Benevolent association, \$1,000.

Children's Home of York and York county, \$500.

York Society to Protect Children and Aged Persons, \$500.

Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Lutheran branch of St. Paul's (Wolf's) church, \$500.

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, \$2,000.

Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, \$1,000.

Board of Education of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, \$1,000.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the same church, \$500.

Tressler Orphans' home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, \$3,000.

Theological seminary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, \$1,000.

There is a bequest of \$500 to David A. Schrum, who lives on the farm of the deceased in West Manchester township.

The residue of the estate is to go in equal shares to Allen H. Emig, William E. Emig, Nettie Smyser Weiser, Anna R. Brunhouse, David H. Smyser, Mary E. Ebert, Mathias Smyser, Adam M. Smyser, Lucy E. Smyser, Jacob M. Smyser and Dr. H. David Smyser, except in the case of Adam M. Smyser. A codicil to the will provides that one-eleventh of the residuary estate shall be deposited with the York Trust company in trust for Adam M. Smyser, the income to be paid to him annually. At his death the corpus of the trust under certain conditions goes to his heirs.

The will is dated April 21, 1920. Letters testamentary were granted today by Register of Wills G. Frank Lindemuth to Frank Bond and William E. Emig.



# Anna Maria Smyser

## 2nd Child of Jacob and Elizabeth

### 2. ANNA MARIA SMYSER

Jan. 30, 1803—1895, Dec. 21

Lived New Oxford, Adams Co., Pa.

m—Nov. 13, 1823 Peter Diehl, b 1802 in York Co.; died Apr. 3, 1887 in Adams Co.

He was the son of Daniel Diehl and wife Rosanna

He was reared and married in York Co. In 1824 he located near where he later lived, being the first member of his family to live in that vicinity.

He purchased a small farm, and with it a tannery that had been established in 1800 by John Slagle. This business he carried on successfully for many years, retiring in 1864.

A portion of his land (adjacent to New Oxford) he had laid out into lots, and it now forms an addition to the borough.

In spending the evening of their lives together, they were surrounded with all comforts, the fruit of their industry and economy of former years.

They had been members of the Lutheran Church since 1820, and had contributed liberally to its support.

Time dealt lightly with them in their 63 years of life together. They were both in full possession of all their faculties. Mr. Diehl was the oldest person living in New Oxford. He was an advocate of temperance since 1830.

In his earlier years he was an active local politician and held nearly every office in the township.

He was at one time a director of the Hanover branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

In 1842 he was chosen one of the County Commissioners, and in 1875 elected a director of the First National Bank of Gettysburg, a position he retained a number of years.

*Children 14*

1. Martin Diehl, 1825—1894  
m—1846 Sarah Lilly

2. Israel Smyser Diehl, Dec. 13, 1826—1874  
m—Anna Randall

3. Jeremiah W. Diehl, 1828—1905, Mar. 3  
m—1851 Isabella Albright

4. Henry Jacob Diehl, 1829—1892  
m—1854 Melvina Walters

5. Andrew Daniel Diehl, 1831—1892  
m—1853 Emeline Metzgar

6. Edwin Peter Diehl, 1832—1908  
m—1862 Emma Brownwell

7. Sarah Ann Diehl, 1834—1919  
m—1855 Emanuel Hull

8. Louisa Smyser Diehl, 1835—1926  
m—1858 Amos Lough

9. Anna Mary Isabel Diehl, 1837—1918  
Lived Ohio  
m—1862 David Peters

10. Charles Albert Diehl, 1839—  
Lived New Oxford  
m—1866 Sarah Slagle

11. Elvira Jane Diehl, 1842—1919  
Lived New Oxford  
m—1869 Henry K. Schnell

- 3 *Children* died in infancy

In 1886 ten of them were living. Oct. 7, 1883, there was a family reunion in the Old Mansion, and all living representatives were present.

Five children remained in Adams Co. in 1886. All were married and doing well.

1. MARTIN DIEHL  
1825—1894

m—1846 Sarah Lilly

Moved to Bucyrus, Ohio

*Children 10*

1. Henry Diehl
2. Horace Diehl
3. Emery Diehl
4. Frank Diehl
5. Charles Diehl
6. Fred Diehl

7. Lizzie Diehl  
 8. Hattie Diehl  
 9. Mattie Diehl  
 10. Daisy Diehl

2. ISRAEL SMYSE DIEHL  
 1826—1874, Jan. 4  
 m—Anna Randall  
 He became a Methodist minister and one of the most renowned temperance orators in the U. S.  
 He travelled extensively in Europe  
 Accomplished great work before his death in Beechville, Adams Co.  
 After his death his widow lived in N. Y.  
 No issue

3. JEREMIAH W. DIEHL  
 1828—1905, Mar. 3  
 m—Feb. 20, 1851 Isabelle Albright, daug. of William  
 b New Oxford; lived Hanover and Beechville  
 Died in Gettysburg  
 He learned the tanner's trade with his father, which he followed several years. Later he went into the hotel business for 3 yrs., 1851-1854.

He carried on the tanning business in New Oxford and Arendtsville, 1860-1879. Later took up farming, dealt in stock, and performed manual labor. Owned 157 acres.

Member Lutheran Church, wife of the Reformed.

*Children 9*

1. Worthington Diehl, lived Hanover  
 Dec. 10, 1851—1879, June  
 m—Aug. 15, 1876 Ida Yingling

*Child 1*

1. Bertha Diehl, lives Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 m—1902 or 3 Willard Kellar

*Child 1*

1. Willard Kellar, Jr.

Ida Yingling was daug. of Samuel, a Lutheran minister of Hanover, Pa.

2. William Albright Diehl, 1853—1926  
 Lived New Oxford, Adams Co.  
 m—1876 Ella Eyster, daug. of Samuel and wife Hannah Bender, of Arendtsville, Adams Co.

*Children 8*

1. Curtis Eyster Diehl, —1931, Apr.  
 Lived New Oxford  
 m—Ida Houck  
 No issue

2. Curvin Albright Diehl, lives Detroit  
 m—Hannah . No issue  
 3. Nina Catherine Diehl, lives Hanover  
 m—James Hook  
 4. Etta Ella Diehl  
 5. Samuel Jeremiah Diehl  
 6. Arthur William Diehl  
 7. Virgie Edna Diehl, m—  
 Lives West Chester  
 8. Anna Elizabeth Diehl, m—  
 Lives West Chester

4. ETTA ELLA DIEHL  
 Lives New Oxford  
 m—Samuel Holtry  
*Children 2*

1. Beatrice Holtry  
 2. Richard Holtry

5. SAMUEL JEREMIAH DIEHL  
 Lives Abbottstown  
 m—  
*Children 2*

1. Dorothy Diehl  
 2. Althea Diehl

6. ARTHUR WILLIAM DIEHL  
 Lives Detroit, Mich.  
 m—  
*Children 2*

1. Abbie Diehl  
 2. Wilma Diehl

3. MERVIN SMYSE DIEHL (OF JEREMIAH W.)  
 1856—1928  
 Bachelor

4. IDA KATE DIEHL  
 b 1858  
 m—1884 James Ross, Gettysburg, Pa.  
*Children 4*

1. Robert Ross  
 2. Amy Ross  
 3. Edwin Ross  
 4. Isabel Ross

5. EDWIN JERE DIEHL  
 b 1863  
 Lives Charleston and Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
 Student Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg;  
 graduated Columbia Law School, Columbia, Mo.  
 m—1888 Mattie Bridwell  
 5 *Children*, all sons



6. SARAH MAY DIEHL  
b 1865  
Lives 400 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, Pa.  
m—1887 Frank D. Blocher  
*Children 2*
1. Nellie K. Blocher  
Graduated Gettysburg College, A.B.;  
Columbia University, A.M.
  2. Grace Blocher, lives Huntingdon, Pa.  
She graduated Gettysburg College, A.B.  
m—Rev. Edmund L. Manges
7. LAURA ANGETTA DIEHL  
1870—  
Lives Carlisle, Pa.  
m—1891 Rev. George M. Diffenderfer  
*Children 2*
1. George Diffenderfer
  2. Isabelle Diffenderfer  
m—Russell Yates

8. AMBER DIEHL  
Lives Gettysburg, Pa.  
m—1902 Clifford Bream  
*Children 4*
1. Anna Bream
  2. Clifford Bream
  3. Donovan Bream
  4. Jere Bream
9. ANNA MARY ISABEL DIEHL  
Single. Lives Gettysburg, Pa.
4. HENRY JACOB DIEHL (OF ANNA MARIA SMYSER)  
1829—1892  
m—1854 Melvina Walters
5. ANDREW DANIEL DIEHL  
1831—1892  
Lived Bucyrus, Ohio  
m—1853 Emeline Metzgar

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## Elizabeth Smyser

### 3rd Child of Jacob and Elizabeth

3. ELIZABETH SMYSER  
1808—  
Lived West Manchester Twp.  
m—Nov. 9, 1826 Peter Bott, son of Peter and  
wife Elizabeth Zeigler, who was daug. of  
Killian Zeigler  
*Children 10*
1. Michael Bott
  2. Louisa Bott, m—Samuel Menough
  3. Sarah Bott, m—Peter Yost
  4. Eliza A. Bott, m—Wm. Smyser
  5. Caroline Bott, m—John Smyser
  6. William H. Bott, m—Lucy Hoke
  7. Anna Maria Bott, m—Joseph Martin
  8. Peter J. Bott, m—Sarah Hoke
  9. Alice A. Bott, m—G. Dallas Julius
  10. Edward C. Bott
1. MICHAEL BOTT  
m—Louisa Julius (of George)
  3. SARAH BOTT  
Lived York Co. and York  
m—Feb. 20, 1851 Peter Yost, Jan 21, 1829—

In 1876 moved from Dover to York  
*Child 1*

1. Louisa Jan Yost  
m—Alexander Smyser  
*Child 1*
  1. Clayton A. Smyser
6. WILLIAM H. BOTT  
Jan. 23, 1841—  
Lived Manchester Twp.  
m—Dec. 9, 1871 Lucy Hoke, daug. of Michael  
*Children 5*
1. Flora K. Bott
  2. Harvey H. Bott
  3. Minnie M. Bott
  4. Lucy E. Bott
  5. William E. Bott

William H. Bott was in the first draft of  
the Civil War, and paid \$350 for a substitute.  
He later enlisted in Company B, 78th Pennsyl-  
vania Volunteers, and served to the end of  
the war

Member of the Lutheran Church. His family of the Reformed.

He owns 3 farms: one of 225 acres, one of 126 acres, and another one located in North Codorus Twp.

7. ANNA MARIA BOTT

m—Joseph G. Martin

1847—1907, Nov. 22. 60—10—29

9. ALICE A. BOTT

Lived Jackson Twp.

m—June 1, 1874 George Dallas Julius, son of George

b June 6, 1850

*Children 7*

1. Bertius Julius
2. Harvey Julius
3. Minnie Julius
4. George D. Julius, Jr.
5. Curtis Julius
6. Annie Julius
7. Mazie Julius

4. SUSAN SMYSER (OF JACOB)

June 10, 1812—1908, Jan. 10. 97—7

Lived Dover Twp.

m—Apr. 24, 1831 Samuel Gross, son of George; married by Rev. Reily

Buried in Strayer's Cemetery near Dover

*Children 12*

1. Israel F. Gross
  2. Louisa A. B. Gross
  3. Caroline E. Gross
  4. Edwin S. Gross
  5. George W. Gross
  6. Jacob M. Gross, M. D.
  7. Benjamin F. Gross
  8. Samuel L. Gross
  9. Milton H. Gross
  10. Sarah A. Gross, twin
  11. Mary Gross, twin, died young
  12. —, died young
1. ISRAEL FELKER GROSS
- Mar. 4, 1832—1898, June 26
- Lived Jackson Twp. and York, Pa., in 1864
- m—Malinda Hantz
- May 15, 1833—1907, Nov. 8
- Child 1*
1. Prof. George W. Gross, A.M.  
b Jan. 17, 1856 in Jackson Twp.  
Moved to York in 1864  
Lives 587 Madison Ave.

Educated in Public Schools; York Co. Academy; Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, graduated class of 1877.

Began the study of law with Henry L. Fisher. Admitted to the bar in 1879.

In 1880 elected principal of the York Co. Academy, which position he retained many years. As an educator Prof. Gross ranks with the most prominent in the city and county.

Member of the Lutheran Church.

A very fine-looking man is Prof. Gross, naturally dignified.

m—Dec. 29, 1896 Gertrude Merriken, daug. of Francis Merriken. No issue

2. LOUISA A. B. GROSS

Lives York

m—William Julius

*Children 4*

1. Malinda Julius, m—Harvey M. Myers

*Children 2*

1. Clarence J. Myers
2. Mary Louise Myers, m—Renolds
2. Annie Julius, m—Wesley Eisenhart

*Children 2*

1. William J. Eisenhart
2. Arthur W. Eisenhart
3. Samuel C. Julius, m—Catherine Oberlander

*Children 6*

1. —
  2. William P. Julius
  3. Frederick S. Julius
  4. Annie L. Julius
  5. Louisa L. Julius
  6. Edwin Julius
4. Susan E. Julius
3. CAROLINE E. GROSS
- Lives Jackson Twp.
- m—Henry Menges
- Child 1*
1. Anna Menges  
m—Karwan Smyser
- Children 4*
1. Wilbur Smyser
  2. Mary Smyser, single
  3. Virgin Smyser
  4. Roman Smyser, bachelor
- Karwan Smyser
- m 2nd—Jan. 27, 1923 Mrs. Cora Edith Link, née Perigo
- No issue



Lives West Market St., York. He is secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

1. WILBUR SMYSER

Lives on old home farm on the Berlin road  
m—Elsie Joseph

*Children 9*

1. Richard Smyser
2. Helen Smyser
3. Anna Smyser
4. Albert Smyser
5. Clair Smyser
6. Kenneth Smyser
7. Ruth Smyser
8. Betty Jane Smyser
9. Mary Smyser

2. MARY SMYSER

Single

3. VIRGIN SMYSER

m—John Roth

*Children 5*

1. Anna Roth
2. Evelyn Roth
3. Luella Roth
4. Dorothy Roth
5. Morris Roth

4. EDWIN S. GROSS (OF SUSAN SMYSER)

Lives Dover, York Co.

m—Emma Whitright

*Children 3*

1. Howard Gross, lives near Dover  
m—Sadie Sprengel

*Children 2*

1. Estella Gross
2. Edwin Gross
2. Alice Gross, lives Spring Grove  
m—Herman Hoke

*Children 2*

1. William Hoke, lives near Spring Grove  
m—Bortner

2.

3. Annie Gross, lives 224 West Market St., York  
m—Theodore Morton, a tailor  
1 Child

6. DR. JACOB M. GROSS

Jan. 19, 1844—

Lived Dover and York

m—1875 Louisa A. Smyser, daug. of Daniel of York Co.

No issue

Dr. Gross attended the York Co. Academy; Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg; and Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, class of 1872.

When I called on Dr. Gross, winter 1929, he was still practicing his profession.

A very remarkable man, still living 1931 at the age of 87.

7. BENJAMIN F. GROSS

Lives Dover Twp.

m—Ann Whitright

*Children 9*

1. Maggie Gross, m—Clayton Bott  
No issue
2. Ida Gross, single
3. Minnie Gross  
m 1st—Meisenhelter  
1 Child  
m 2nd—
4. Carrie Gross, m—Kurvin Weaver  
2 Children
5. Nettie Gross, m—Harding
6. Harry Gross, bachelor
7. Melvin Gross, bachelor  
Left home when 15 yrs. old; never located him until 1929 in Texas

8. SAMUEL L. GROSS

Lives 263 W. Springettsbury Ave., York

m—Rose Glatfelter

No issue

9. MILTON H. GROSS

Lives Los Angeles, Calif.

m—Julius

*Children 3*

1. Emory Blaine Gross
2. George Hillary Gross
3. Samuel S. Gross

10. SARAH A. GROSS

Twin

Lives York

m—Edward Fickes

*Children 3*

1. Elmer Fickes, lives 3 up, 34 South George St., York  
m— . No issue
2. Smyser Fickes, lives 511 West Jackson St., York  
m— . No issue
3. Erney Fickes, lives 1109 West Princess St., York  
m— . No issue

5. LOUISA SMYSER (OF JACOB)

1810—1894

Lived West Manchester Twp.

m—Feb. 28, 1828 Benjamin Myers

1809—1880

*Children 7*

1. Edmund B. Myers, Oct. 3, 1829—

2. Alexander A. Myers, dec.

3. Andrew J. Myers, b Feb. 6, 1833

4. Albert S. Myers, dec.

5. Eli S. Myers, dec.

6. Ellen E. Myers, dec.

7. Louisa S. Myers, dec.

3. ANDREW J. MYERS

b 1833

Lives Emigsville

m—Jan. 24, 1860 Mary Ann Smyser of Jackson Twp., daug. of Daniel and wife

Members of the Lutheran Church

He is a member of the firm of Emig, Ruby and Co., cigar manufacturers and dealers in leaf tobacco, Emigsville, York Co.

*Children 6*

1. Lillie Myers, died infancy

2. Allen Myers

3. Jane Myers, m—Caleb Wogan

4. Lucy Myers

5. Kerwin Myers

6. Minnie Myers

6. ELLEN E. MYERS (OF BENJAMIN)

Lived Lebanon. Dec.

m—Davis

*Child 1*

1. William S. Davis, lives Lebanon, Pa.

Is city engineer (1930)

6. SARAH (MARY) SMYSER (OF JACOB)

Mar. 19, 1815—1893

m—Henry Ebert (Feb. 9 or 12, 1809—1884, Mar. 28), son of Adam Ebert and wife Elizabeth Eyster

*Children 5*

1. Charles A. Ebert, —1904, Jan. 16

Died in Kansas City, Kansas, where he had lived for 30 yrs. Realtor

2. Anna Maria Ebert, single

3. Martin Luther Ebert, Apr. 4, 1848—

Lived West Market St., York  
Bachelor

4. Sarah Jane Ebert, m—Rev. Charles C. Lanius of the Moravian Church

5. Henry A. Ebert, Dec. 10, 1841—

b on the old homestead on the Lincoln Highway, West

The brothers laid out the farm in lots and called it Eberton. In a few years it had more than 200 houses and an extensive manufacturing plant. It is now known as West York Borough  
m—June 7, 1870 Mary L. Sheller, daug. of Dr. Adam of Mt. Joy, Lancaster Co., Pa.

*Children 3*

1. Anna Laura Ebert, single

2. Ella V. Ebert, m—J. Wilbur Yates of Philadelphia

3. Harry Sheller Ebert, realtor, with office West Market St., York  
Trustee First Presbyterian Church; member board of managers, Y. M. C. A.

Owned a lovely home on the Susquehanna River, sold it and has now a still finer one out along the Carlisle road, on a hill with a wonderful view of the surrounding country.

Mrs. Sheller Ebert traces her ancestry to Major Abraham Scott, through his grandson Hugh Peden. The Scotts held many offices under Colonial government.

Adam Ebert came from Holland and Germany. Lived in Manchester Twp., where he married Elizabeth Eyster.



# Anna Mary Smyser

## 5th Child of Mathias Jr. and Louisa

### 5. ANNA MARY SMYSER

Apr. 23, 1780—

Her sponsors were Martin Ebert and wife Anna Maria Smyser of Mathias 1st

m—Apr. 4, 1802 John Emig (1780—1868, Feb. 17. 87—8—29) of West Manchester Twp.

Buried Prospect Hill Cemetery

#### *Children 5*

1. Sarah Emig, m—George Diehl
2. Valentine Emig
3. John Emig, Jr., Apr. 4, 1812—1882, Dec. 24
4. Michael Emig, 1809—
5. Eli Emig, Nov. 17, 1817—1877, Mar. 9

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### 2. VALENTINE EMIG

Lived West Manchester Twp.

Farmer

m—Mar. 15, 1825 Rebeeca Laueks (May 4, 1803—1880, June 17), daug. of Casper Laux and wife Mary Lorah

#### *Children 8*

1. Samuel Emig, June 28, 1826—
2. Mary Emig, Oct. 5, 1827—1913, Aug.
3. Sarah Emig, June 29, 1830—1910, May 4
4. John Emig, Dec. 5, 1831—1899, Apr. 20
5. Michael Emig, Sept. 29, 1833—1883, July 31
6. Daniel Emig, Mar. 1, 1836—1909, Oct.
7. Adam Emig, Aug. 12, 1845—
- 8.

### 1. SAMUEL EMIG

Lived Jackson Twp. Farmer

His land joined Nashville

m—Mary Ann Bott (Aug. 30, 1829—)

#### *Children 4*

1. William Emig, Nov. 22, 1852—
2. Isabelle Emig, Oct. 24, 1854—
3. Edward Emig, Aug. 29, 1858—
4. Sarah Emig, June 30, 1861—

### 2. ISABELLE EMIG

Lived Adams Co. and Hanover, Pa.

m—Edward Rebert, farmer

#### *Children 5*

1. Ida Rebert, m—Stoner
2. Annie Rebert, m—Will Appleman  
Lives Columbia, Pa.  
1 Child, a son
3. Vertie Rebert, m—  
Lives Baltimore, Md. No issue
4. Charles Rebert
5. Curtis Rebert, m—  
Lived on old Rebert farm; moved to Hanover, Pa.

### 4. SARAH EMIG

Dec. Lived West York

m—Abdiel Neller, florist

b Oct. 5, 1859; dee.

No issue

### 2. MARY EMIG (OF VALENTINE)

Lived near Brillinger's mill and ore bank

m—Henry Smyser, farmer, son of

Jan. 16, 1812—1900, Jan. 14

#### *Children 5*

1. Michael Smyser, July 6, 1846—1913, Sept. 28
2. Alexander E. Smyser, Jan. 6, 1849—
3. Horace E. Smyser, Aug. 16, 1853—
4. Jacob Smyser, Feb. 11, 1855—1857, May 18
5. Amanda Smyser, m—Abraham Flory

### 1. MICHAEL SMYSER

Lived on Brillinger farm and York, East Philadelphia St.

m—Sarah A. Kauffman

June 1, 1845—1925, June 19

#### *Children 2*

1. Susie Smyser, m—William Bott
2. Henry Kauffman Smyser, farmer  
m 1st—Anna J. Kauffman  
Jan. 1883—1905, Oct. 31

*Child 1*

1. Ruth Smyser, Jan. 15, 1903—1920

Single

m 2nd—Laura Miller

*Children 4*

1. Michael Smyser
2. Jacob Smyser
3. Henry Smyser
4. Mary Smyser

3. SARAH EMIG (OF VALENTINE)

Lived West Manchester Twp. on a farm

After the death of her husband lived near the 5 Mile House

m—Dec. 31, 1850 George Witmer Sprenkle (May 10, 1828—1905, Mar. 6), son of David and wife Lydia Witmer

*Children 5*

1. Amanda E. Sprenkle
2. Frank E. Sprenkle
3. William E. Sprenkle
4. Isabelle E. Sprenkle
5. George E. Sprenkle

1. AMANDA EMIG SPRENKLE

Lived Manchester Twp. and North York

m—Oct. 14, 1873 William Henry Yost, son of Charles Abraham and wife Sarah Lauer

When she married it took 5 wagons to convey her wedding dower to her new home

*Children 10*

1. Harvey Latimer Yost, Dec. 7, 1874—1881, Jan. 9
2. Sarah S. Yost, July 10, 1877—
3. C. Edward Yost, b Aug. 15, 1879
4. William A. Yost, Aug. 13, 1881—1889, Nov. 13
5. Clayton Yost, twin, Dec. 19, 1883—1884, Feb. 13
6. Nettie Yost, twin, single
7. Allen Winfield Yost, b Apr. 5, 1886
8. Susie Yost, b July 11, 1888
9. Paul Yost, b Dec. 17, 1891
10. Florence Marie Yost, b Mar. 3, 1894

3. C. EDWARD YOST

Lives New York City. Realtor

m—Daisie Fisel

No issue

7. ALLEN W. YOST

Manufacturer of children's garments

Lives York

m—Mary Ong

*Child 1*

1. Catherine Louise Yost

9. PAUL YOST

Lives York

Dry cleaning establishment

2. FRANK EMIG SPRENKLE (OF SARAH EMIG)

Lived Jackson Twp.

After his death his widow moved to West York

m—Dec. 28, 1875 Louisa Spangler, daug. of Jesse and his wife, of Nashville

*Children 11*

1. Lizzie Ann Sprenkle, Oct. 24, 1876—1903, July 28
2. George Edward Sprenkle, b July 14, 1878
3. Sadie V. Sprenkle, b May 4, 1880
4. Charles H. Sprenkle, June 6, 1881—1892, Nov. 10
5. David A. Sprenkle, b July 13, 1883
6. Nettie K. Sprenkle, b Mar. 30, 1885
7. Minnie May Sprenkle, Oct. 23, 1886—1891, Sept. 17
8. Irvin F. Sprenkle, b Aug. 18, 1888
9. William Curtis Sprenkle, Dec. 29, 1889—1896, Sept. 14
10. Mary A. Sprenkle, b Apr. 15, 1892
11. Gertrude L. Sprenkle, b Aug. 26, 1894

3. WILLIAM E. SPRENKLE

Lived Nashville and York, Pa.

m 1st—Dec. 29, 1881 Mary M. Brillhart (Feb. 20, 1857—1890, Sept. 23), of Loganville, Pa. No issue

m 2nd—Mary L. Stump (Mar. 6, 1870— ), of Berks Co., Pa. No issue

m 3rd—Dec. 19, 1912 Lizzie M. Heister, daug. of Rev. Heister, minister of the Reformed Church of Annville, Pa. No issue

She died Oct. 12, 1931

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MRS. WILLIAM E. SPRENKLE

The funeral of Mrs. Lizzie M. Sprenkle, wife of William E. Sprenkle, who died suddenly on Monday night, were held yesterday afternoon. Brief services were conducted at her late residence, 651 West Market street, by Rev. E. V. Strausbaugh, after which the body was taken by C. A. Strack and Son, funeral directors, to Wolf's church, where concluding services were held. These



following relatives of the deceased served as pallbearers: G. Edward Sprenkle, David Sprenkle, Ervin Sprenkle, Allen Yost, Paul Yost and Ervin Lightner. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

4. ISABELLA E. SPRENKLE

Lived West Manchester and Manchester Twps. and York, West Market St.

m—Dec. 24, 1878 Albert Charles Lightner (Jan. 24, 1855—1901, May 15), son of George and wife Anna Mary Ebert

*Children 3*

1. Ervin Sprenkle Lightner, lives on his father's farm  
m—1909 Beulah Lau, daug. of Curtis and wife Amanda Roth

*Children 5*

1. Albert Curtis Lightner
2. Dorothy May Lightner
3. Esther Lightner
4. Jessie Lightner
5. Ervin S. Lightner, Jr.
2. George Allen Lightner, Oct. 17, 1889—1912, Apr. 17  
Lived and died in Nashville, Pa.  
m—1911 Beulah Emig. No issue
3. Charles Allen Lightner, b June 10, 1896  
Lived York Co., now in Columbia, S. C.  
He is with the R. G. Dun Co.  
His home is 1319 Harlam Ave.  
m—1918

*Child 1*

1. Charles Allen Lightner, Jr.

5. GEORGE E. SPRENKLE

Lived Nashville, Pa. Died there

Attended the Public Schools and Kutztown Normal

Was in Philadelphia for a time

Ticket agent; school director

Owned coal yard and general store

How he loved to entertain his friends, and what pleasant memories cluster around those occasions when we were invited to partake of his hospitality.

m—Maggie Swartz of Spring Grove, Pa.

No issue

4. JOHN EMIG (OF VALENTINE)

m 1st—Sarah Eyster

*Children 2*

1. Franklin Emig, Apr. 30, 1857; died young

2. Harris (Horace) Emig, m—Klinedinst m 2nd—Susan Roth  
Dec. 22, 1837—

*Children 9*

1. Margaret Emig, b July 16, 1859
2. Emeline Emig, b Oct. 31, 1860
3. Edward Emig, b Feb. 20, 1862
4. Augustus Emig, b Aug. 18, 1863
5. Amanda Emig, b June 22, 1865
6. Henry Emig, b July 2, 1867
7. Valentine Emig, b July 11, 1870
8. William Emig, b June 24, 1872
9. George R. Emig, b Feb. 18, 1875
5. MICHAEL EMIG  
1833—1883  
Farmer. Lived W. Manchester Twp.  
m—Sarah A. Smyser, daug. of David and Rebecca Eyster

*Children 2*

1. Allen H. Emig, b Sept. 3, 1860  
Lived W. Manchester Twp.  
m—Mary A. May

*Children 4*

1. Daniel M. Emig, b Feb. 11, 1882
2. Charlotte May Emig, b May 5, 1884
3. Beulah C. Emig, b May 20, 1888
4. Beatrice I. Emig, b May 20, 1892  
All married
2. William Emig, Oct. 26, 1861. Bachelor
7. ADAM EMIG  
1839—1888, Nov. 22  
Lived on the old homestead in West Manchester Twp.  
m—Susan Ruth of Berks Co.  
No issue
8. LOUISA EMIG  
—1924  
Lived W. Manchester Twp. and York  
m—Abraham Sprenkle  
Oct. 9, 1844—1899, Sept.

*Child 1*

1. Harvey Sprenkle, Jan. 16, 1871—1920, Feb. 2  
Lived Bears Station and York  
m—Agnes A. Glatfelter, Nov. 8, 1871—1920, Feb. 16

*Children 2*

1. Anna Louise Sprenkle, Feb. 3, 1901—1901, Feb. 25
2. Florence M. Sprenkle, Jan. 8, 1895—1909, Apr. 18

# John Emig, Jr.

## 3rd Child of Anna Mary and John Emig

### 3. JOHN EMIG, JR.

Apr. 4, 1812—1882, Dec. 24

Lived York Co.

Buried Prospect Hill

m—1838, near Prospect in Lower Windsor Twp., to Ellen Sarah Knisley (1820—1906), daug. of John Knisley

John Emig, Jr., grew up on his father's farm, which his grandfather bought in 1802, and in 1806 came into his father's hands. In 1876 passed into his eldest son's hands, William H. Emig

#### *Children 11*

1. Amanda Emig, died at 3 yrs.

2. Louisa Emig

3. William H. Emig

4. Ellen Emig

5. Mary J. Emig

6. J. Albert Emig

7. Emma A. Emig

8. Alice C. Emig

9. Flora A. Emig

10. Bell Emig

11. Edward K. Emig

### 2. LOUISA EMIG

Lived Emigsville and York

m—Nov. 29, 1860 John Brillinger

#### *Children 5*

1. Sallie Brillinger, lives 427 Park St., York  
m—J. C. Rutter. No issue

2. John Brillinger, m—Carrie Wantz

#### *Child 1*

1. David Wantz Brillinger, m—  
Lives Cleveland, Ohio

3. Horace Brillinger, m—Maggie Gable

#### *Children 3*

1. Louise Brillinger, m—Will Soules

2. Florence Brillinger

3. Harry Brillinger, dec.

4. Ella Brillinger, m—Harry Bott

#### *Children 2*

1. Emma Bott, m—Walter Engdahl

#### *Children 3*

1. Richard Engdahl

2. James Engdahl

3. Rosemary Engdahl

2. Winnie Bott, died infancy

5. Flora Brillinger, m—John T. Selsam

#### *Children 5*

1. Esther Selsam, m—Gorman

2. Paul Selsam

3. Howard Selsam

4. Charles Selsam

5. Died infancy

### 3. WILLIAM H. EMIG

Lived Emigsville

m—Feb. 27, 1873 Fannie M. Witmer

#### *Children 6*

1. Marian Emig, m—June 21, 1900 Horace Rudy

2. John Emig, m—Feb., 1899

3. Charles Emig, m—July, 1902

4. Witmer Emig, m—Aug. 18, 1903

5. William Emig, m—Nov. 29, 1915

6. Howard Emig, m—Sept., 1917

### 4. ELLEN EMIG

Lived New Freedom

m—Nov. 4, 1839 Milton W. Bahn (b June 26, 1839), son of David and wife Rachel Witman—their youngest child

He attended the York Co. Academy and State Normal at Millersville

He was appointed postmaster at New Freedom 1865; with the exception of 1881-82 has held the office ever since

He was also agent for the Northern Central R. R. and for the Adams Express Co.

He was an elder in the Reformed Church

#### *Children 4*

1. Arthur W. Bahn, lives Buffalo, N. Y.

2. Walter Bahn, m—Helen Wilson  
Live Baltimore, Md.

3. Lillie Bahn, 1870—1878, Jan. 18

4. Corinne Bahn, 1875—1883, June 19



5. MARY J. EMIG  
—1922, Dec. 30  
Teacher many years in Friends Select School
6. J. ALBERT EMIG  
Aug. 9, 1849—1922, June 2  
Lived Emigsville, York Co.  
m—Ella Detweiler of Prospect  
*Children 3*  
1. Albert Emig, died infancy  
2. Carrie Emig, single  
Lives East Market St., York  
3. William Emig, dec.  
J. Albert Emig was a farmer and manufacturer, the head of the firm of Emig and Gable and of the E. K. Emig & Co., manufacturers of wagons and farm implements  
In 1874 he bought his father's store
7. EMMA A. EMIG  
—1901, Apr. 14  
Lived Emigsville, Pa.  
m—John W. Ruby. No issue
8. ALICE C. EMIG  
Lived Dayton, Ohio  
m—Frank Shenberger  
*Children 2*  
1. Grace Shenberger, lives Amarillo, Texas  
m—James Thompson  
2. Irene Shenberger, lives Dayton, Ohio  
m—Earl T. Wolf
9. FLORA A. EMIG  
Lives Walla-Walla, Wash.  
m—A. K. Dice  
*Children 2*  
1. Edith Dice, lives Walla-Walla, Wash.  
m—William Harold  
2. Ruth Dice, lives Washington, D. C.  
m—Parry Borgstrom

10. BELLE EMIG  
Single  
Lives 139 East Philadelphia St., York
11. EDWARD K. EMIG  
Lives Emigsville, Pa.  
He is a farmer and manufacturer  
Member of the Reformed Church  
John Emig, Jr., in 1840 began to burn lime, the first to engage in that business in his vicinity.  
In 1849 the Northern Central R. R. was run through his farm, and a station was at once established there, called Emigsville.  
He was agent for the R. R. Co. up to one year before he died.  
Also postmaster from the beginning until 1880.  
He was one of the few men in the neighborhood who favored Public Schools. He was school director for 6 years.  
In 1868 he laid out the town of New Freedom and gave the ground.  
m—Margie B. Lewis (—1925, May 27)
5. ELI EMIG (OF ANNA MARIA SMYSER)  
Nov. 17, 1817—1877, Mar. 9  
m—1847 Magdalena Martha Greider of Hellam Twp.  
Mar. 1820—1896, Mar. 15  
*Child 1*  
1. Clayton Eli Emig, lawyer, b 1862  
Lives Washington, D. C.  
m—1894 Leila Drumgold, daug. of of York  
*Children 3*  
1. Eveline Emig  
2. Gladys Emig  
3. Leila Emig

## Mathias Smyser 3rd

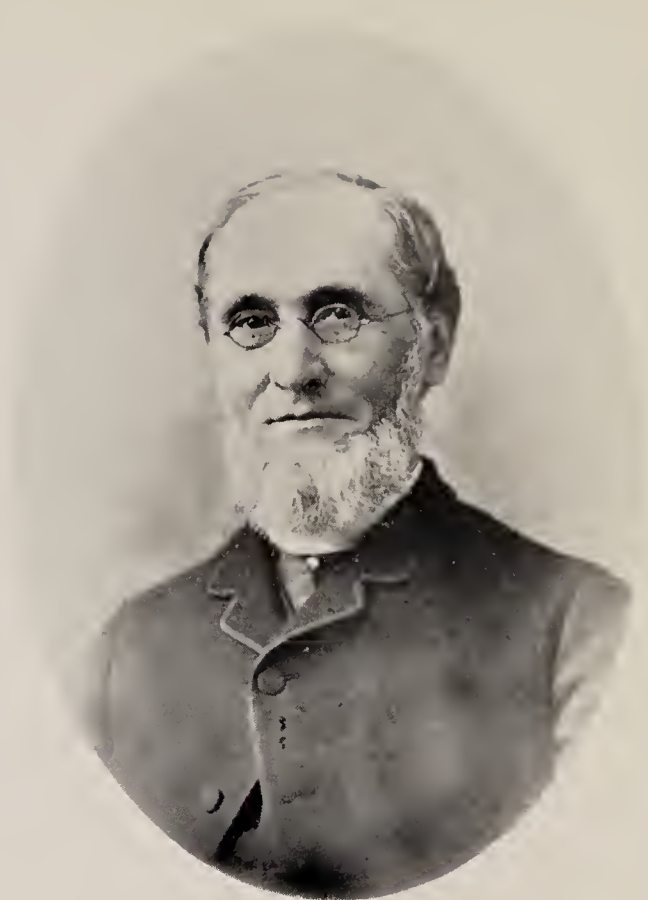
### 6th Child of Mathias Jr. and Louisa

6. MATHIAS SMYSER 3RD  
Dec. 29, 1782—1843, Apr. 7  
Lived W. Manchester Twp.  
m—1804 Elizabeth Eyster, daug. of George Eyster  
Feb. 26, 1776—1849, Apr. 14, at 5 p. m.  
Rev. Schmucker preached her funeral sermon

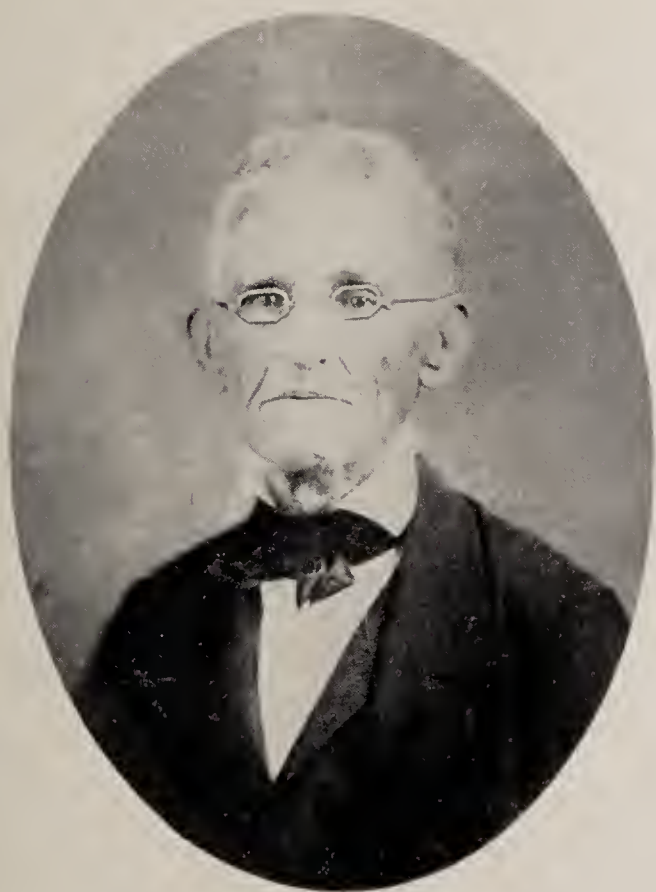
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Will of Mathias Smyser 3rd.  
Book S—315—1844.  
I Mathias Smyser 3rd of West Manchester Twp., York Co., Pa., etc., etc.  
ITEM:—I give to my wife Elizabeth (née Eyster) 1000 in cash absolutely; also my 8 day clock; as many beds and as much of my



MATHIAS 3RD



E. G. SMYSER



PHILIP SMYSER  
Pres. Vigilant Fire Co., 1816



JOSEPH SMYSER





"The above represents the Homestead of the elder Mathias Schmeisser, who purchased and took possession thereof on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of May A.D. 1745; and also represents the centennial celebration held on the grounds on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of May A.D. 1845 by a portion of his descendants in honour of their venerated ancestor the said Mathias Schmeisser, who was born the 17<sup>th</sup> of February A.D. 1715 in a Village called Riegelbach in Germany. In, <sup>whereas</sup> his assembled descendants at their centennial celebration unanimously adopted the following Resolution: Whereas the birth place of our common ancestor Mathias (Peyer) Schmeisser, a Village in Germany, was known by the name of Riegelbach, be it Resolved, That this his Homestead be henceforth called Riegelbach. (pronounced Riegelbach) - - - (Riegelbach). The children present enjoyed their various sports in groups, nearly as above represented though their merry voices and many modes of amusement cannot be precisely depicted as they were heard and seen and indulged, on that happy and interesting occasion.

The above (Royal Oak) house is three miles from the Borough of York, at the road leading from York to Beith. The house originally was only the middle part of the present one, extending from the front part to the north side of the front door - same type (I think) with but one wide window in front & 7 inch glass cut on land sash on the land floor over a front room & a kitchen side room. The front door along the Western wall about 10 feet wide, the whole depth of the house. The kitchen paved with hearth. In 1790 my father built the stairs and decided on 2 over-pieces & one down - through the year 1851 when he quit planning to build the small back kitchen to the small gable of the stone house, which he made his residence during the remainder of his life, a about 1868 he altered the wall an addition of about 10 feet to the west end of the old house and had the whole (which was 14) re-roofed, and the whole of the old part newly installed roofing to asphaltum. See map.

Second house: As noted in an entry in the diary.

Second house: Second son of Matthew 5<sup>th</sup> died March 15<sup>th</sup> 1794 (this for one 50 years was owner of Royal Oak)



household and kitchen furniture she may choose to take; all my linen of any kind, muslin table cloths and coverlids and quilts; my gig and harness and sleigh; all to be hers absolutely.

ITEM:—I give to my wife during her life all the dividends from 41 shares of York Bank; should said Bank not continue, then she is to have the interest of 1000. 2 shares York Water Co.; 3 shares York and Gettysburg Turnpike Co.

ITEM:—I give to my wife entire use of my brick dwelling house in York, the same which I purchased from Valentine Wilt, and all the lots I purchased from Jacob Smyser and the land I purchased from Abraham Everhart and also produce, which my son Samuel is to deliver of the land I purchased from Christian Bailer, to be under control of my executors, the rent and the produce to go to her.

ITEM:—I give to my son Joseph Smyser plantation in West Manchester Twp., adj. lands of Jacob Smyser; Casper Laux (Laucks) 187 acres, the same which I purchased from Frederick Eichelberger; also to Joseph one piece of 3 acres 124 perch with a small house and stable thereon, being part of a farm I purchased from William Wright, adj. the above described land; one lot of woodland in York Twp., which I purchased from the Executors of George Bentz, adj. lands of Henry Smyser, 8 acres 118 perches as lot No. 5; also one other lot of woodland in same Twp., 2 acres 70 perch, all of which I value at 14,000 of which 10,000 is bequeathed to son Joseph Smyser.

ITEM:—I give to my son Samuel Smyser my present dwelling plantation whereon I now live in Manchester Twp. adj. land of Michael and Adam Smyser, 200 acres, being the same my father gave me; also lot of ground in Bottstown on north side of St., everything thereto belonging; also a lot or piece of woodland in Codorus Twp., No. 10, I bought from John Trexler, 2 acres with house and stable; also two lots of woodland in York Twp. I got from Anthony Kinsley, executor for John Giesey, 1 acre 94 perch; I value at 14,000. His share 10,000.

ITEM:—To son Samuel the possession and use of all that land I purchased from Christian Bailer, 26 acres, during the life time of my

wife; Samuel to farm it for half; after death of wife Samuel to have said land, he to pay 60. per acre, if he will not take it, then to be sold.

ITEM:—If the R. Road within 12 years goes through plantation, then Samuel is to be compensated out of the estate, etc., etc.

ITEM:—I give to my daughter Sarah, m to Jacob King, my land near Shunks Hill, 6 acres, also the sum of 10,000. He has already given her 4,000, the remainder to be paid in 1,000 annual payments.

ITEM:—I give to the children of my daughter Elizabeth, dec. wife of George Laucks, my 3 adj. lots of woodland in York Twp. which I bought from George Laucks and Michael Welsh, to be divided between them when Samuel is 21 yrs.

ITEM:—I give to said children of daug. Elizabeth 10,000, deducting therefrom 820. which I gave her. In case of the death of any of the children, their share goes to the survivor. If Sarah marries before 22 yrs. old, she is to have 500 at once.

ITEM:—I give after my wife's death 11 shares of the Bank stock to Sarah, 11 shares to Joseph and Samuel and 9 shares and 25.00 to grandchildren.

Residue of my estate in 4 equal shares.

Executors Joseph and Samuel, my two sons, and my son-in-law Jacob King.

(signed) Mathias Smyser

He died Apr. 14, 1843

Visited Europe in 1839

*Children 4*

1. Elizabeth Smyser, Sept. 16, 1805—1829, Apr. 8

Sp. Mathias and Louisa Smyser

2. Salome (Sarah) Smyser, Feb. 9, 1808—1895, Feb. 26

Sp. Mathias and Louisa

3. Joseph Smyser, Feb. 1, 1811—1903, Jan. 31

Sp. Philip Smyser

4. Samuel Smyser, Oct. 29, 1813—1899, Mar. 15

Sp. John and Maria Emig

1. ELIZABETH SMYSER

1805—1829 Apr.

Lived York Co.

m—1824 to George Laucks (1798—1878), son of Casper Laux and his wife Mary Lora or Lorah



### *Children 3*

1. Sarah Laucks, 1825—1846
2. Israel Laucks, Sept. 6, 1827—1918, May 15
3. Samuel Laucks, 1829—1850  
“Auntie King” took Samuel the 1st year of his life after his mother’s death. His step-grandmother raised him

#### 1. SARAH LAUCKS

Died at 21 yrs.

#### 2. ISRAEL LAUCKS

Sept. 6, 1827—1918, May 15

He was born on the old homestead in Manchester Twp., York Co. Moved with his father to York, southwest corner of Market and Penn Sts. The house stood alone between the corner and the Union Lutheran Church

He attended the schools of the county, York County Academy, and a private school in York conducted by the Rev. William A. Good, where he laid the foundation for that extensive fund of information he later gained through years of active and intimate association with business and civic affairs.

He was a natural born mathematician and surveyor. On more than one occasion he was able to show professional surveyors their mistakes in local surveys.

For 12 years he was engaged in the general merchandise business, on the northeast corner of Center Square.

For years president of the Prospect Hill Cemetery Board; president of the Farmers’ Market Co.

Member of the board of directors of the Western National Bank; trustee of the York Co. Academy; trustee of the Reformed Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.; member of the Benevolent Association of York; director first chariot line in York; president York Safe & Lock Co.; treasurer York Foundry & Machine Co.

He was a valued member of Trinity Reformed Church, serving as deacon and elder and for many years its treasurer, the only one to serve without pay. Later he became the honored president of the board of trustees of the Church.

He was a staunch supporter of democratic principles, but never actively identified himself with political affairs.

He was public-spirited and progressive and had the interests of the city and county deeply at heart.

Won for himself the esteem begotten of honesty of purpose, and no citizen of York was more widely known and respected.

He was tall and slender (taking after the Smyser side) and very dignified, with the manners of a gentleman of the old school. On his father’s side he is a descendant—through the Zellar (French) line—of the House of Valois, Kings of France for 300 years, who ruled from Fontainebleau. Lady Clotilde is buried in Berks County, Pa.

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#### RESOLUTION OF REGRET, ON THE DEATH OF MR. ISRAEL LAUCKS

In the death of Mr. Israel Laucks the York Foundry & Machine Company loses for the first time a member of its Board and an officer of the Company. Mr. Laucks served the Company as Treasurer and as Director from the time of its organization in 1904 and gave to it the care and thought that it was his habit to bestow upon all of his enterprises. He sturdily supported it when it needed aid and has given it the benefit of his advice and experience. His associates in the Board miss his kindly presence and wise counsel, and shall always cherish the remembrance of this generous-hearted, kindly-minded, capable and conservative business man, whose character of high probity has been maintained for twice the term of the business activities of the average man. We deplore his loss but congratulate ourselves that he was spared to us for so many years.

J. A. DEMPWOLF

Secretary

York Foundry & Machine Co.

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#### RESOLUTION OF REGRET, ON THE DEATH OF MR. ISRAEL LAUCKS

The Board of Directors of York Safe & Lock Company have heard with profound regret the announcement of the death of Mr. Israel Laucks, which occurred on the fifteenth day of May.

He was associated with the Company from the time of its organization in 1882 and served as its President for more than three decades.



ISRAEL LAUCKS AS A YOUNG MAN



ISRAEL LAUCKS' FOUR DAUGHTERS





Years ago he stood by to aid the Company in its trials. He helped its progress and development and he lived to see the child of his creation grow to maturity and broad usefulness.

In the development of the Company he signally served not only himself but the community. His pluck, his farsightedness and his determination were forceful factors in the ripening of the fruits of his labors, and in his death not only our Company but the city in which he lived sustained a great and lasting loss.

He died full of years and honors, a progressive manufacturer, an agriculturalist of marked ability, widely and broadly interested in civic affairs, devoted to his church and family and respected and honored by all who knew him. The liberality of his donations to churches, schools and colleges was enhanced by the modesty of the donor, and in his final fading away in the ninety-first year of age, the church, the state and the community are bereft of a support upon which they have long leaned, and experience a sense of loneliness and sorrow.

J. A. DEMPWOLF  
Secretary  
York Safe & Lock Co.

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Copied from The Telegram, Columbus, Neb.

Israel Laucks, father of Mrs. Xanders, died at his home in York, Pa., May 15, at the age of 90 years. He was for many years president of, and one of the heaviest stockholders in, the York Safe & Lock Company and had many other business interests in the East. He continued active in business affairs until two years ago, when his failing health made it imperative that he retire. Word of his death came last week while Mrs. Xanders was in Omaha, and by the time her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Abts, could get the message to her it was too late for her to make preparations for the journey and reach York, Pa., in time for the funeral, which was held Friday afternoon. Mr. Laucks leaves two sons and four daughters. Mrs. Xanders expects to make a trip to her old home in Pennsylvania in June.

1893, Mar. 17), daug. of William A. and wife Lydia Forry

She attended Cottage Hill College as a day pupil.

She was a handsome-looking woman, very much beloved. The day of her death sent a shock through the community never equalled before, as expressed by the clergyman of Grace Reformed Church who had lived in York for some years.

Her private charities were many.

*Children 6*

1. Irene Elizabeth Laucks
2. George Wilt Laucks
3. Amanda Lydia Laucks
4. Grace Virginia Laucks
5. Sadie May (McCoy) Laucks
6. Samuel Forry Laucks

1. IRENE ELIZABETH LAUCKS

Attended the leading private schools of York. Graduated with highest honors from St. John's College, Maryland, now out of existence

She has been a great traveller, accompanied by her father on most of her journeyings—from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, South America, Three trips to the Old World, including the Mediterranean Countries and the Near East.

Member Grace Reformed Church; Woman's Club of York; D. A. R.; War of 1812, Lancaster Chapter; Country Club; Out Door Club; Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania German Society; Weiser Memorial of Berks County.

She is living (1931) in the only home she has ever known—413 West Market St., York.

For some years she gave her services as organist to Grace Reformed Church.

2. GEORGE WILT LAUCKS

b and lived in York

Attended the York Co. Academy

Graduated Mercersburg College when the famous Dr. Higbee was its head

During his college days he became a noted baseball pitcher in southern Pennsylvania.

He served several terms as councilman of the 9th ward and as city treasurer.

Member of the mercantile firm of Laucks and Son.

He died Dec. 18, 1929 at his home, 32 N. Queen St., York

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m—May 4, 1854 Imilda Arabella Wilt (1836—



m 1st—Fannie Carson at Camden, N. J.  
No issue

m 2nd—May 2, 1900 Mrs. Emma Blouse,  
widow of Dr. Blouse and daug. of Charles A.  
Strack and wife Mary Magdalene Heckert

*Child 1*

1. Charles I. Laucks, lives York

m—Sept. 10, 1921 Mary Magdalene  
Fackler, daug. of Dr. Lewis and wife  
Katie May Spangler

He attended the Public Schools of the  
city, and Pennsylvania Military College  
at Chester, Pa.—two years

Salesman for York Safe and Lock Co.  
(now distributing agent)

Member Kiwanis Club

*Children 3*

1. George Lewis Laucks
2. Mary Magdalene Laucks
3. Charles (Chappie) I. Laucks, Jr.

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GEO. W. LAUCKS IS DEAD

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Officer of Safe and Lock Company Succumbs  
to Complication of Diseases

George W. Laucks, secretary and general  
sales agent of the York Safe and Lock com-  
pany, churchman and prominent lodgeman,  
died suddenly this morning at 6:50 o'clock at  
his home, 32 North Queen street. Mr. Laucks  
was in failing health for more than a year and  
was confined to his home since October.  
Death was caused by complication of diseases.  
He is a son of the late Israel Laucks. In  
politics he was a Democrat, and was elected  
to the office of city treasurer, serving a term  
of three years under the administration of  
Mayor Charles W. Brant.

Mr. Laucks was born in York. He leaves  
besides his widow, one son, Charles I. Laucks,  
and three grandchildren. He also leaves the  
following sisters and brother: Miss Irene  
Laucks, York; Mrs. Amanda Xanders, Syra-  
cuse, Ind.; Mrs. Grace Buckingham, Balti-  
more; Mrs. Sadie Motter, York, and S. Forry  
Laucks, York. A number of nieces and  
nephews also survive.

Mr. Laucks was a lifelong member of Trin-  
ity First Reformed Church. Fraternally he  
was affiliated with Zeredetha lodge, No. 451,  
Free and Accepted Masons; Howell chapter,

No. 199, Royal Arch Masons; Gethsemane  
commandery, No. 75, Knights Templar;  
Zembo temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Harris-  
burg; York forest, No. 30, Tall Cedars of  
Lebanon, and Mt. Zion lodge, No. 74, Inde-  
pendent Order of Odd Fellows.

Services were conducted over his body by  
the Rev. Samuel H. Stein. The active pall-  
bearers were Witmer J. Emig, Jacob C. Eisen-  
hart, George L. Stallman, Luther D. Me-  
nough, Charles D. Dempwolf, Jr., Harvey E.  
Lesher, Rolandus F. Pickle, Charles F. Slo-  
berg, Walter Brillhart and Harry A. Shaefer.  
Honorary delegations were present from Zere-  
detha lodge, No. 451, Free and Accepted  
Masons, and Mt. Zion lodge, No. 74, Inde-  
pendent Order of Odd Fellows. Interment  
was private in Prospect Hill cemetery.

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RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Minute adopted at a special meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the York Foundry &  
Machine company duly convened and held  
on December 18th, 1929.

The Board of Directors of the York Foun-  
dry & Machine company heard with great  
regret the announcement of the passing away  
of Mr. George W. Laucks. Mr. Laucks was  
for many years associated with this company  
and for the last two years filled the position  
of secretary and director of the company.  
Mr. Laucks' death came after a long and  
lingering illness and the Board expresses to  
his sorrowing family their sincere sympathy  
in the loss they have sustained.

His kindly personality attracted and re-  
tained a great number of friends by whom,  
as well as by the members of the Board of this  
company, his death is deeply deplored.

We direct that this minute be written upon  
the records of the company and that a copy  
be sent to his family in this dark hour of  
their overwhelming bereavement.

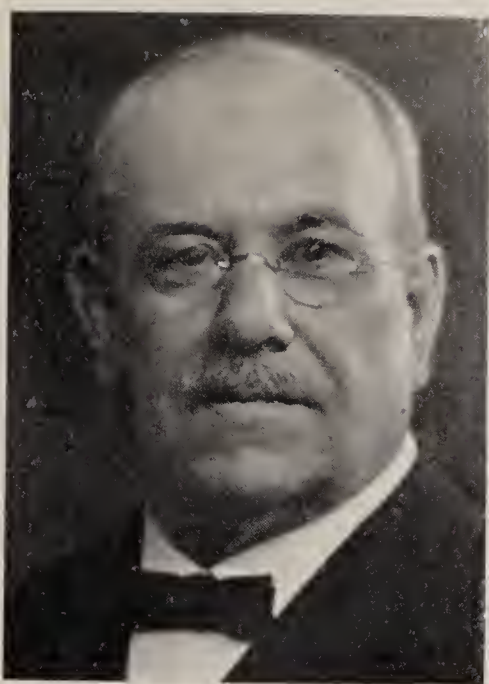
GEORGE S. SCHMIDT,  
Secretary Pro-tem.

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GEORGE WILT LAUCKS



IRENE ELIZABETH LAUCKS



SUNNYSIDE FARM—OWNED BY IRENE E. LAUCKS





The Board of Directors of the York Safe and Lock Company has heard with great sorrow the announcement of the passing away of Mr. George W. Laucks. Death has terminated an intimate association of more than thirty years in the removal of this officer.

The Department of Fireproof Safes was for many years his especial field of labor and for more than two years last past he has capably and acceptably filled the position of Secretary of the Company, in which for more than twenty-one years he sat as a member of the Board. He died after a long illness and had passed man's allotted age of three score years and ten. The kindness of his disposition brightened a long life and won for him a host of friends.

In token of our appreciation of his services, we direct that this minute be inscribed upon the records of the Company; that a copy thereof be sent to his sorrowing family with the sympathy of the Board in this hour of their bereavement; and we further direct that a copy of this minute be published in the daily papers of the City of York.

GEORGE S. SCHMIDT,  
Secretary Pro-tem.

The passing of George W. Laucks leaves Col. H. K. Fickes as York's only known button-hole flower man. Mr. Laucks, during almost his entire life, as salesman and citizen, daily wore on the lapel of his coat a rose or some other flower. Colonel Fickes still carries out, and with extreme satisfaction, the trait daily, and has for many years, even when having an alleged law violator in custody.

### 3. AMANDA LYDIA LAUCKS

b York

Educated in the private schools of the city, except one year in the High School

Student two years St. John's College, Md., now out of existence

Graduated an honor student now Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pa.

Member of the Indiana branch, League of American Pen Women, with headquarters in Indianapolis. For years she was state representative for Nebraska, being the first member of the League from that State.

Member National Editorial Association;

Press Congress of the World; Honolulu, T. H., Ad Club; one time member of the Board of Publishers of the League of American Pen Women's Magazine, Washington, D. C.

Organizing Regent of Platte Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at Columbus, Neb., and its Regent for several years; also Registrar of same Chapter.

Member Omaha Chapter War of 1812, through her ancestor Peter Wilt; Worthy Matron, Harmony Chapter O. E. S., in which organization she held many elective and appointive offices, Columbus, Neb., and elsewhere. Member Bethany Chapter No. 1, W. S. J., Genoa, Neb.

Member Institute American Genealogy of Chicago; York Co. Historical Society; Source Research, Chicago; Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania German Society; Pennsylvania Society in New York; Woman's Club of York, Pa.; one time member of York Country Club—now member of Tippecanoe Country Club on Tippecanoe Lake, Indiana. (Owns a summer home on Lake Wawasee, Indiana.)

One time president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed Church of Indiana, and also its treasurer; president of the Woman's Guild of the Episcopal Church, and also its secretary and treasurer; treasurer of the Bishop's Chapel, All Saints, on Lake Wawasee, the past four years.

Commenced her literary work in college. On the staff of many newspapers as society reporter and special correspondent, at one time writing under "As Seen on Life's Highway," including letters from home and abroad.

Since 1906 she has been a research worker and genealogist, proving for herself 15 ancestors who fought in the War of the Revolution, etc., etc. Has very valuable material on a number of her ancestral lines (in manuscript form), in addition to the Smyser family now published.

m—July 1st, 1881, to the Rev. William Henry Xanders, son of George Xanders of Allentown, Pa.

He attended Kutztown State Normal 3 years; F. and M. College, Lancaster, Pa., 4 years, graduating an honor student, member Chi Phi fraternity; attended theological seminary same place, from which institution



he was ordained a clergyman of the Reformed Church. His first appointment was to the mission field in York and York County.

Spent 4 years in Mulberry, Ind.; 6 years, Bluffton, Ind.; 6 years, Chaplain Nothern Indiana Penitentiary at Michigan City; Frankfort, Ind.; Red Cloud; Broken Bow, 8 years, and 7 years at Columbus, Neb., when he passed into the great beyond 20 minutes after midnight, morning of Jan. 19, 1917.

Funeral services were conducted by Bishop Williams, assisted by 8 Episcopal clergymen.

Buried Prospect Hill Cemetery, York.

First rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Columbus, Neb.

Mrs. Xanders has been a great traveller—not only in the U. S., but in Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Alaska; one winter in Honolulu, T. H.; twice abroad (spent nearly one year in Europe, Africa and the Near East).

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Mrs. Amanda L. Xanders, correspondent and society reporter for the Syracuse, Indiana, Journal, paid the Wrangell Sentinel a fraternal call while the steamer Dorothy Alexander was in port last Sunday. Mrs. Xanders, who is a member of the Honolulu Ad Club, attended the Pacific Ad Club convention just prior to taking the Alaska trip. (1927.)

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#### CEDAR CREST ALUMNAE OBSERVE UNUSUAL DUAL ANNIVERSARY

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Rev. Curtis President for Twenty Years—  
College Sixty Years Old

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An unusual dual anniversary was celebrated in the Americus Hotel last evening when the graduates of Cedar Crest College met for the twelfth triennial banquet of the alumnae association. It was the occasion of the observance of the sixtieth anniversary of the college and the twentieth anniversary of Dr. William F. Curtis' presidency.

A splendid program was arranged to fittingly celebrate the event and by its conclusion all present, young and old alike, declared it one of the finest if not the finest of all those that went before, even the fiftieth anniversary celebration in 1916 and the first banquet in 1895.

Festivities commenced, following the serving of a delicious meal, with songs by the 1928 graduates. Mrs. Lewis L. Anewalt, present president of the association, gave the "word of welcome" and introduced Mrs. W. Bruce MacIntosh, of the class of 1920, as toastmaster.

Mrs. MacIntosh prefaced the program with a brief résumé of the inception of the college in Zion Reformed church in September of 1867 and then began what was probably one of the unique programs of any of the alumnae banquets. Credit for its arrangement is due the toastmaster.

Pictures of the various presidents of Cedar Crest College were flashed on a screen and as this was done a graduate under that particular administration gave a suitable toast for the picture, and reminisced in serious or humorous vein on activities at college in other days.

Mrs. William Henry Xanders of Columbus, Neb., and Lake Wawasee, Ind., not only toasted the first president—the Rev. W. R. Hofford, D.D., 1868-1883—in a delightful manner, but presented to the surprise of every one present a check for \$500 for Alumnae Hall, the gift of her sister, Mrs. Robert L. Motter, and herself as a memorial to Dr. Hofford.

The gathering included women from New York City, Philadelphia, Slatington, Catsauqua, York, Lancaster, Santa Barbara, Calif., Lake Wawasee, Indiana, and other cities and towns.

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#### *Children 3*

1. George Laucks Xanders
2. I. Laucks Xanders
3. Imilda Irene Xanders

1. GEORGE LAUCKS XANDERS  
b Glen Rock, Pa.

Graduated Howe Military School, Howe, Ind., member of the band; received the gold medal for Christian manliness, voted by the school.

For two years following his graduation, he was a member of the faculty.

His parents having moved to Nebraska, he became major of Kearney Military Academy, Kearney, Neb.

Organized the Kearney orchestra.

Graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Department of Law.



REV. WILLIAM HENRY XANDERS









SUMMER HOME OF MRS. XANDERS ON LAKE WAWASEE, INDIANA





MRS. XANDERS AND MRS. SUDLOW  
On Roosevelt Field, L. I.



LAKE WAWASEE



GARDEN OF MRS. XANDERS' SUMMER HOME  
ON LAKE WAWASEE



MRS. XANDERS ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA AT NICE



GEORGE LAUCKS XANDERS  
Major, Kearney Military Academy





IN THE COUNTRY



THE BEGINNING OF RESEARCH



MRS. A. L. XANDERS AT ROOSEVELT FIELD, L. I.



MRS. A. L. XANDERS GOING ABROAD—1926



GEORGE LAUCKS XANDERS AND CHILDREN  
Taken at Howe Military School



GEORGE LAUCKS XANDERS AND WIFE AND CHILDREN





I. LAUCKS XANDERS  
Taken in Florida



CHILDREN OF I. LAUCKS XANDERS





TWO VIEWS OF THE POOL  
AT LAUXMONT





MRS. MATT C. ABTS  
(IMILDA IRENE XANDERS)





HENRY WILLIAM AND IMILDA IRENE ABTS

One of the organizers of the Hermitage Club, also called Order of Hermits, and its first president.

Spent one year in the office of Spencer Wareheim, attorney-at-law, York.

Passed the examination to practice in Pennsylvania.

Attorney-at-law, Syracuse, Ind.

m—Aug. 14, 1913 Ruth Biteman in All Saints Chapel (Episcopal) on Lake Wawasee, Ind.

#### *Children 4*

1. George Laucks Xanders, Jr.

Senior at Howe Military School, class of 1932

2. William Henry Xanders

3. Paul Thomas Xanders

4. Ruth Joan Xanders

2. ISRAEL LAUCKS XANDERS

b Mulberry, Clinton Co., Ind.

Attended the Public Schools of Michigan City and Frankfort, Ind.; Kearney Military Academy, Kearney, Neb., 1901-1902—graduated class of 1903; Howe Military School, Howe, Ind., 1904, graduated class of 1905; Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., 1905-1909; president of the senior class and chairman senior promenade; Delta Psi fraternity; captain of college baseball team; member of college football team and track team; college glee club.

Received many gold and bronze medals, gold and silver footballs and baseballs, and silver cups—athletic trophies.

For nearly a year he was with the Pullman Automatic Ventilator Mfg. Co. of York. Secretary Miller Safe Co., Baltimore, Md. For many years manager of the Baltimore branch, York Safe and Lock Co., 7 West Redwood St.

Member Baltimore Country Club; Baltimore Club; Merchants Club of Baltimore; Green Spring Valley Hunt Club; Lafayette Club of York, Pa.; Saint Anthony Club of New York.

Member Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church, Garrison Forrest, Md.

Residence, "Lochinvar," in the Green Spring Valley—post office, Garrison, Md.

m—Mar. 10, 1917 Henrietta Ingman Park, daug. of Henry Ingman Park and his wife Lelle Chapman of Kendallville, Ind. They were married in St. John's Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, Calif. The wedding breakfast was served in the Hotel Alexandria—at

that time the leading hotel of Los Angeles. Mrs. I. L. Xanders was a student at Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, Pa., class of 1912

#### *Children 4*

1. Isabel Ann Xanders

2. Henry Park Xanders

3. Harriet Park Xanders

4. Harold Laucks Xanders

3. IMILDA IRENE XANDERS

b Bluffton, Ind.

Lived many places including Columbus, Neb. Graduated Akeley Hall, Grand Haven, Mich.

m—Jan. 20, 1916 Matt C. Abts, son of Henry W., at Columbus, Neb.

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#### HYMENEAL

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#### Abts-Xanders

A marriage of much interest to the social world of this city was solemnized at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon in Grace Episcopal church, when Miss Imilda Irene Xanders was married to Matt C. Abts, the father of the bride being the officiating clergyman. Miss Dorothy Abts, sister of the groom, was the ring bearer. The bride was given away by her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Abts were the only other witnesses to the ceremony.

The bride is the only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William Henry Xanders. Rev. Xanders has been rector of Grace Episcopal church for several years.

Mrs. Xanders comes of a family of social prominence in the East and of Colonial descent. For years she has been an influential member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is active in local club and suffrage affairs.

The bride is a graduate of Akeley Hall of Grand Haven, Mich., and for two years following her graduation was a member of the faculty of the college.

The bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Abts and comes of one of the pioneer families of Platte county.

The bride wore white net over lace, and a beautiful point and Duchesse lace collar, that Mrs. Xanders purchased in Brussels, Belgium, when she was touring Europe a few years ago with her father. She also wore a long white veil, held in place with orange blossoms, and



carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses and lilies of the valley.

The wedding was followed by a dinner at the rectory.

Their plans for a quiet departure from the city were upset by their friends, who gave them a right royal send-off amid showers of rice.

Mr. Abts is a prominent and popular Elk and provided privately for a collation, which was served his brother Elks Saturday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Xanders will tender the newlyweds a reception on their return.

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#### ELKS LOVE FEAST WAS BIG AFFAIR; LADIES PRESENT

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#### "Cabaret Girls" Were Main Attraction of the Meeting at Club Rooms Saturday

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Columbus Elks were in the swim Saturday night at the big stag meeting which was staged at the local club rooms. For some time it had been hinted about that this would be one of the biggest parties that has ever been held and every member of this organization was notified to be present that evening.

The committee on arrangements did not mention what they had prepared for the occasion, but it was mentioned that a good program had been prepared and that a number of prominent speakers would be present. The fact was also mentioned that a big orchestra would be there and four cabaret girls would do some stunts.

The meeting opened at an early hour when the fun for the evening commenced. Music was furnished by an orchestra which was composed entirely of Elks. After a number of good addresses by members and singing by the glee club of that order, the "cabaret girls" were announced. They were dressed in all the splendor that could be found. They gave some of the latest song hits and their dancing was superb and was the best that had ever been witnessed in an Elks club room.

The "cabaret girls" proved to be Mark Rathburn, George O'Brien, Floyd Snyder and Al Becker. They were extremely pretty and attracted a good deal of attention, their make-up being complete in every respect.

About 10:30 o'clock an alarm was sounded at the outer door and one of the officers, thinking perhaps it was one of the members who had forgotten his key, proceeded to open the door. Imagine his surprise when twenty-five ladies pounced upon him and forced their entrance into the main hall, where the members were commencing to partake of the excellent banquet which had been prepared. They enjoyed themselves immensely, but the men folks did not seem to want them at this gathering, and after singing a number of selections for their benefit, they sang "Good Night, Ladies." The ladies then took the hint and departed for their homes.

No one of the committee seems to know who was paying for this spread, but from reliable sources it is learned that Matt Abts had tendered this party to his friends.

Taking it altogether, the members of the Elks are well pleased at the outcome of this love feast, and hope others will be given in the future.

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Copied from Daily News, Columbus, Neb.:

Matt Abts and his new auto collided with the speed ordinance one evening the first of the week, resulting in great damage to the latter. In a complaint filed with Judge O'Brien in police court, Chief of Police Schack charged that Matt, contrary to the peace and dignity of the city, drove at least thirty-five miles an hour. The ordinance says he should not go faster than four miles an hour, in conformity with said peace and dignity. Appearing before the court yesterday, Mr. Abts entered a plea of guilty, and in return Judge O'Brien handed him a package of dynamite. "This is your second or third offense," said the court, "and the fine will be \$25 and costs. I won't say what it will be next time this happens." Matt paid, and charged it to the pepper account.

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He was in the wholesale grocery business at that time.

After their marriage, they lived in Columbus, Neb.; Sioux City, Iowa; Milwaukee, Wis.; and now (1931) at the entrance to Lauxmont Chateau and farms—post office, Wrightsville, Pa.





MRS. WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM  
(GRACE VIRGINIA LAUCKS-BUCKINGHAM)





### *Children 2*

1. Imilda Irene Abts, Jr.

2. Henry William Abts

Both b Columbus, Neb.

Pupils at the Y. C. I. and Y. C. A., York

#### 4. GRACE VIRGINIA LAUCKS (OF ISRAEL)

b York

Educated in the private schools of that city; St. John's College, Md., now out of existence; graduated from Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pa.

For years she was a faithful worker in the Madison Ave. Methodist Episcopal Church, at one time considered the wealthiest Methodist Episcopal Church in the U. S.

For several years president of the Ladies' Aid and Parsonage Societies. Member of the Methodist Episcopal Deaconess Home; Woman's Home and Missionary Societies; governing board Kelso Home for Orphaned Children.

Her broad human sympathies are attested also by the fact that she is a trustee of the Nursery and Children's Hospital, to all of which she has made substantial gifts from time to time.

She is parliamentarian of the Woman's Board of the University of Maryland, and for nine years was Regent of John Eager Howard Chapter, D. A. R. Two years state chaplain of that organization.

Charter member of the Star Spangled Banner Centennial Association; member Daughters of the War of 1812, of Lancaster, Pa.; Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania German Society; Maryland Historical Society; Travel Club of America; Roland Park Woman's Club; Art Museum; Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Treasurer (9 years) for the Home for the Aged of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was really through her efforts that the drive for a new home for the aged was finally accomplished, and in one week the various committees were able to report subscriptions of \$300,000. No small amount of this sum was raised by Mrs. Buckingham herself. The board of the Home consists of 448 members.

After the death of Mrs. Easter, who for many years served as president of the board, Mrs. W. A. Buckingham was unanimously elected president.

m—Aug. 1, 1888 to William Andrew Buckingham, son of John Wesley and wife Rebecca Meginley, all of York

### W. A. BUCKINGHAM FUNERAL TODAY

#### Died From Apoplexy

Owing to the fact that the Hartman Memorial chapel in Prospect Hill cemetery is not being used for the purpose, change in the arrangements for the funeral of W. A. Buckingham, prominent retired Baltimore citizen, whose death occurred suddenly on Thursday, have been necessary. Instead of being in the chapel, the services in this city will be conducted in the First Methodist Episcopal church.

Services will be conducted at his late home in Baltimore today at 1 p. m. The funeral party will then proceed in autos to this city, and will be met at the city line by the officers of Zeredetha lodge, F. and A. M., and will proceed to the First Methodist Episcopal church, on East Market street, where services will be conducted at 4 p. m. The services at the church will be conducted by Rev. Edward L. Watson, D.D., pastor of Waverly Methodist Episcopal church, Baltimore, who will be assisted by Rev. J. Ellis Bell, D.D., this city.

Following the services in the church the funeral party will proceed to the Community Mausoleum, at Prospect Hill cemetery, where the committal services of the Masonic order will be conducted by the officers of Zeredetha lodge. The body will be laid in a crypt at the mausoleum. The pallbearers will be his brother, L. E. W. Buckingham; three sons, John M., Harry F., and Lewis Y. Buckingham, and two sons-in-law, George L. Blome, and Ernest E. Woollen.

Mr. Buckingham's death was due to a stroke of apoplexy. He became sick while on a Maryland avenue line car, and alighting went into a home, and a call was sent for his physician, but before he arrived death had occurred.

Mr. Buckingham was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Buckingham. He was the retired head of Buckingham Brothers, cigar manufacturers, of which L. E. W. Buckingham and the late Harry E. Buckingham were



the other members. The deceased retired about ten years ago when the firm discontinued business.

The widow, Grace Virginia Laucks Buckingham; his brother, L. E. W. Buckingham; a sister, Mrs. J. H. Yeagley, York, and five children: John M. Buckingham, Harry F. Buckingham, Mrs. E. E. Woollen and Mrs. George Blome, all of Baltimore, and Lewis Y. Buckingham, Washington, D. C., survive him.

Fraternally Mr. Buckingham was the second oldest past master of Zeredetha lodge No. 451, Free and Accepted Masons; Howell chapter No. 199, Royal Arch Masons; York commandery No. 21, Knights Templar; Bloomsburg consistory, Scottish Rite, Boumi temple, A. A. O. M. F., Baltimore.

The deceased traveled on the road as a member of the Buckingham Brothers' firm for more than fifty years. Prior to that time he served as a postal clerk during the administration of Postmaster Jonathan Jessop.

#### *Children 6*

1. Harry Forry Buckingham
2. Imilda Laucks Buckingham
3. William Andrew Buckingham, Jr., died infancy
4. Lewis Yeagley Buckingham
5. Grace Lydia Buckingham
6. Rebecca Elizabeth Buckingham, died infancy

For many years the Buckinghams lived at 1918 Eutaw Place, Baltimore; at present in Washington Apartments, Mount Vernon Place

JOHN MEGINLY BUCKINGHAM, stepson of Mrs. W. A. Buckingham

Lives in Baltimore. Secretary-treasurer of the Miller Safe Co.; for several years vice president, until it was taken over by the York Safe and Lock Co., when he again became (and still is) secretary-treasurer

m—Oct. 26, 1918 Mrs. Elizabeth Stenersen, née Stone, daug. of James H. She was the widow of Ernst Stenersen

No issue

1. HARRY FORRY BUCKINGHAM  
b York

Lives Baltimore, Md.

Educated in the Public Schools of the city and in the Mercersburg Academy

He was for a number of years salesman for his father, who was head of the firm of Buckingham Brothers, Baltimore

At present connected with the York Safe and Lock Co., Baltimore

m—Nov. 29, 1917 Hattie E. Clark, daug. of James A. and wife Hattie Hindes of Baltimore. (It was a beautiful wedding in a beautiful home on Eutaw Place, where the bride and groom both lived at that time. Dancing followed the wedding banquet.—A. L. X.)

Member Blue Lodge and Commandery

#### *Children 8*

1. William Andrew Buckingham, twin
2. Harriet Clark Buckingham, twin
3. Imilda Laucks Buckingham
4. Ann Forry Buckingham
5. Harry Forry Buckingham, Jr.
6. Phyllis Rebecca Buckingham
7. Mary Isabelle Buckingham
8. Died infancy

2. IMILDA LAUCKS BUCKINGHAM

Lives Baltimore, Md.

Member John Eager Howard Chapter, D. A. R. Served four times as page at the annual Continental Congress of D. A. R. in Washington, D. C. Many years a member of the house committee under Mrs. Story's term as president general, and since then making 16 years in that service. Treasurer of John Eager Howard Chapter, and (1931) vice regent of same. The card index was started the first year she was on the house committee. Employed by the B. & O. during the World War Liberty Loan in the treasury department. Member City Club of Baltimore. President of the Madison Avenue Guild, that is interested in the Strawbridge home for boys of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Member Annapolis Roads Club

m—June 6, 1925 E. Ernest Woollen (called Dick by his intimate friends) of Dayton, Tenn., and Baltimore, Md., son of George W. Woollen of Georgetown, Ky., and his wife Sallie Elizabeth Goodman of Paris, Ky.

He is a certified public accountant

#### *Children 2*

1. Virginia Laucks Woollen, died infancy
2. Rebecca Meginley Woollen

3. DIED INFANCY



WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM



BUCKINGHAM BOYS OF BALTIMORE





MRS. ROBERT L. MOTTER



"THREE ACRES"—COUNTRY HOME OF MRS. ROBERT L. MOTTER

4. LEWIS YEAGLEY BUCKINGHAM

b Baltimore, Md.

Educated there

Lives in Washington, D. C.

During the World War he was a petty officer in the U. S. Navy

At one time connected with the York Safe and Lock Co. in Washington, D. C.; he now is president of the Washington Tent and Awning Co.

Member of the Chamber of Commerce of that city

Member Blue Lodge, Commandery and Shrine m—Oct. 26, 1928 to Ceceal A. Buckley of Baltimore, daug. of Sergt. Daniel Buckley of the Baltimore Police Department (b Albany, N. Y.) and his wife Elizabeth J. Nolan of Baltimore

*Child 1*

1. Lewis Yeagley Buckingham, Jr.

5. GRACE LYDIA BUCKINGHAM

b Baltimore

She was educated in the Public Schools of that city, and at Bard Avon School of Elocution

Member John Eager Howard Chapter, D. A. R.

Employed by the B. & O. during the World War Liberty Loan in the treasury department

m—Sept. 24, 1921 George S. Blome of Baltimore, son of George S. and wife Pauline Stauf of same city

He is vice president in charge of sales of the Baltimore Enamel and Novelty Co., Baltimore, Md.

*Children 2*

1. George S. Blome, 3rd
2. Lewis Buckingham Blome

6. DIED INFANCY

5. SADIE MAY (McCOY) LAUCKS (OF ISRAEL)

Lives York; also owns a summer residence on the Conewago Creek, called "Three Acres"

Educated Cottage Hill College, York; graduated Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pa. Received the gold medal for excellence in music—specialized in music and painting; spent one entire year at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Regent Yorktowne Chapter, D. A. R., 1915-1916; regent same chapter 1930-1931; treas-

urer D. A. R.; member Regents' Club of Central Pennsylvania; Woman's Club of York; York Country Club; Out Door Club. One time president Woman's Missionary Society of Grace Reformed Church and treasurer of the Woman's Society of Zion's Classes. m—Oct. 24, 1888 Robert L. Motter, son of George F. and wife Sarah Barnhart

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MOTTER—LAUCKS

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An Auspicious Wedding on a Favorable Evening

A very pretty and select wedding took place Wednesday evening at 8.30, at the residence of Mr. Israel Laucks, No. 409 West Market street. The occasion was the marriage of the youngest daughter, Miss Sadie McCoy, to Mr. Robert L. Motter. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Peightel, of Grace Reformed church.

While Prof. Gipe played Mendelssohn's Wedding March, the bridal party entered the spacious parlor. The groom and best man entered by a side door, the flower girls, ushers, maid of honor and bride, leaning on the arm of her father, joined them from the doors at the rear of the parlor. They stood in the form of a crescent before a bank of palms and ferns, then the minister stepped forward and married them with the ring, using the Reformed church service.

The bride was arrayed in an elegant white moire antique, a tulle veil with no ornaments but orange blossoms, and carried a bundle of white roses. The maid of honor was Miss Lizzie Hertzler, of Elizabethtown, Penna. She wore a cream embroidered tulle, and carried a bunch of chrysanthemums. The flower girls were Misses Liela Wilt and Lucy Forry, cousins of the bride; they were dressed in white and carried baskets of chrysanthemums. The best man was Mr. Harry Palmer, of San Francisco, California. The ushers were Mr. S. Forry Laucks and Mr. Allen Bear, of York. After the ceremony the guests partook of refreshments tastefully arranged under a cover of violets, cut roses and smilax.

The bride and groom left on the 11 o'clock train for an extended trip. On their return they will occupy a new cottage on North



Hartley near Park street, adjoining the residence of George E. Neff, Esq. The house, the design of which is from the studio of architect Dempwolf, is complete, and will be furnished and ready for occupancy as soon as the wedding tour is over. The congratulation and well wishes of friends are accorded the newly married couple.

Mr. Motter was for years president of the George F. Motter Sons Manufacturing Plant; president of the Manufacturers Association.

Member Lafayette Club; Rotary Club; director of the Family Service Bureau; trustee of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.; trustee Bethany Orphans Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.; elder Grace Reformed Church.

Mr. Motter died suddenly at his city residence, Jan. 7, 1926. Buried Prospect Hill Cemetery.

#### *Children 7*

1. Harry William Motter
2. Robert Murry Motter, died infancy
3. John Charles Motter
4. Grace Elizabeth Motter
5. Mary Motter, died infancy
6. Sarah Ruth Motter
7. Fred Lewis Motter

#### 1. HARRY WILLIAM MOTTER

Educated in the schools of York

Graduated Mercersburg Academy, class of 1909; Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., class of 1913

Electrical engineer, office 25 N. Duke St., York (motors; generators; transformers; switchboards)

m—July 31, 1913 Florence McClure Neiman, daug. of William H. and wife Mary Louise McClure

#### *Children 2*

1. Robert William Motter, b Mar. 18, 1915
2. Virginia Irene Motter, b Aug. 25, 1928

#### 3. JOHN CHARLES MOTTER

Educated in the schools of York

m—Feb. 12, 1920 Margaret Roberta Johnston, daug. of John Thomas Johnston and wife Mary Elizabeth Gayle

#### *Children 3*

1. Mary Elizabeth Motter, b Nov. 22, 1920
2. John C. (Jackie) Motter, b Aug. 11, 1923
3. Frank Motter, b Aug. 9, 1927

#### 4. GRACE ELIZABETH MOTTER

Graduated Hood College, Frederick, Md., class of ; specialized in domestic science m—Jan. 19, 1917 John Augustus Katz, son of Karl Ernst and wife Sophia M. b in Germany

#### *Children 3*

1. Sadie Elizabeth Katz, b Apr. 13, 1918
2. John Augustus Katz, Jr., b July 30, 1920
3. Karl Ernst Katz, b Mar. 11, 1929

#### 6. SARAH RUTH MOTTER

Student at Beechwood, Jenkintown, Pa., near Philadelphia; specialized in music and art m—William Augustus Free, son of Harry Kister and wife Anne Stallman

#### WILLIAM FREE AND MISS RUTH MOTTER MARRIED IN PRESENCE OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Reside in Allentown (1931 in York)

William A. Free, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kister Free, 148 East Market street, and Miss Ruth Motter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Motter, 261 North Hartley street, were married last evening at 4:30 o'clock in Grace Reformed church, by the pastor, Rev. F. A. Rupley, assisted by Rev. Samuel H. Stein.

Miss Motter was attended by her sister as matron of honor, Mrs. John Katz. Little Miss Elizabeth Katz acted as flower girl. Mr. Free had as his best man, Gordon Keller Van Gundia, of Sycamore, Ohio. Ushers for the evening were: Charles Laucks, Frederick Motter, James Hendrickson and Manley Stockton, the latter of Biglersville. Miss Motter wore a gown of gray Niagara crepe and black satin hat. Her flowers were a corsage of orchids. Mrs. Katz wore a dress of navy blue crepe and a black satin hat. She wore a corsage of pink roses. Little Miss Katz was dressed in white crepe de chine, and carried a basket of pink sweet peas.

During the ceremony Mrs. Harry L. Link sang, "At Dawning," "Calm as the Night," "Serenity," and "The Song of Love at Blossom Time." Mrs. Arthur Reeser, church organist, gave a short organ recital preceding the ceremony, with "The Wedding Bells" and "Dreams." As a processional, "The



Bridal Chorus" was used, and as a recessional, "Mendelssohn's Wedding March" was played.

Miss Motter is a graduate of York High school and Ohio university. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Free left on a southern trip. On their return they will reside in Allentown. Mr. Free is now engaged as an eastern representative of the Niagara Sprayer company, Middleport, N. Y.

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*Children 2*

1. William Augustus Free, b Mar. 1, 1925
2. Robert Kister Free, b May 12, 1926

7. FRED LEWIS MOTTER

Graduated York High School, class of 1919; spent 2 years Mercersburg Academy; during his stay he lived in "Laucks Hall," the gift of his grandfather Israel Laucks to that Institution

Salesman for York Safe & Lock Co.; now manager of the stock department, E. W. Clark & Co., a Philadelphia firm with branch office in York

m 1st—Helen Adele Bolton, daug. of Dr. W. W. and wife Adele Eichler of Lancaster, Pa. She died May 6, 1928

*Children 2*

1. Jean Motter, died infancy
2. Fred Lewis Motter, Jr., b 1928

m 2nd—May 23, 1931 Sara Emily Gary of Easton, Md., daug. of Alfred Everett and wife Alvurda Warrington

6. S. FORRY LAUCKS (OF ISRAEL)

Lives York and "Lauxmont"

m—Blanche Elliott

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S. FORRY LAUCKS

By An Intimate Friend

The subject of this sketch is a leader in the industrial, civic and social life in his community; his progress and advancement are due to hard work and native ability and a record of his achievement writes a shining page in the history of his craft and has brought him a measure of success possible only in a Republic such as ours. He is a typical successful American business man and he reaps today the harvest from the seed that he has sown.

He comes from an old and distinguished York family whose ancestors came to York two hundred years ago and have remained here ever since.

His life is so intimately connected with a leading industry in this industrial town whose progress and success are due to his talent and personality that a glimpse at its history is necessary to an appreciation of his personality. He was the youngest child of Israel Laucks and Imilda Laucks, both now deceased, and was born in York, Pa., on August 12th, 1870.

His father was a successful merchant in the city of York and in 1882 organized the York Safe and Lock Company for the manufacture of fireproof safes. The original capital was \$25,000.00, and a very modest brick factory building was erected outside the City on the Loucks Mill Road along the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The progress of the Company was slow, if indeed it could be said to have progressed at all during the first few years. Not only was no profit made, but a constantly growing deficit compelled additional sums to be paid into the treasury of the Company, from time to time, by its original promoters. In view of the constantly increasing deficits it looked as though the plant might have to be abandoned, when S. Forry Laucks, though still in his teens, was placed by his father in charge of the business, with a view of ascertaining what, if anything, could be done to place it on a sound basis and to conduct it with profit to the Stockholders.

From that day until this, S. Forry Laucks has been the General Manager of the Company's industrial and commercial activities. Though still a young man he dreamed dreams and saw visions and before he had attained his majority he foresaw the possibilities of his Company's growth to proportions of the great industrial plant which it has now become—one of the largest in the State of Pennsylvania—and it has been he who has, at all times, guided its policies, promoted its development and brought the Company to the place it now occupies in the safe and vault making industry of the world.

From a small building, with inferior machinery and with crude mechanical appliances, the plant has grown until its various brick



buildings, of modern construction, now cover about ten acres of ground, and an addition to the Erecting Shop made possible the extension of the trackage for the gigantic traveling cranes to a continuous length of almost one-quarter of a mile. All equipment is of the latest type and is maintained at the highest efficiency. It is all electrically driven and is provided with every known safety device for the protection of the workmen. The latest and most approved ventilating system, sanitary devices, filtering and cooling drinking water system, are installed in all of the buildings. Rest rooms and Hospital Department have all been installed with trained service for rendering first aid to the injured.

Prior to the World War its payroll approximated seven hundred men, and during the War the proficiency theretofore attained by the men enabled the Company to respond to the Country's call and to render to the Government and its Allies signal service and to unite with other great American industrial establishments in providing the means which finally brought the long deferred victory to the Allied Armies.

With the War came the dire need, by the Government, for the quick construction and delivery of equipment for its rapid and successful conduct. The attention of the Government was directed to the industrial plants of the Country and to their possibilities for being converted speedily from the making of peace time products to implements of warfare. Among the first of the managers of these great plants to be summoned to Washington was S. Forry Laucks, and it was at once made apparent that the organization and facilities of his plant could be quickly diverted to war work and converted into a huge source of supply of the needed materials and implements.

It was because the art of building bank vaults has been acquired and is possessed by men only who have been long trained in fabricating great masses of steel plates and castings, and because only the most skilled mechanics and machinists are competent to produce the finely wrought and accurate parts of work of this character, that the York Safe and Lock Company plant and force were found ready to enter upon the production of

such war work as was first and most urgently needed. This involved many changes and additions, the construction of many special machines, the transfer of skilled workmen from one department to another and the organization of new departments, but all this was accomplished in record time and all parts of the enlarged plant were soon running with well oiled and effective precision.

To recall a single instance in connection with the rapidity with which the York Safe and Lock Company responded to war time needs, an account of the Company's production of firing mechanisms for the 155- and the 240-millimeter guns and howitzers is pertinent. These firing mechanisms are the most important parts of the big guns. They are approximately three and one-half inches in diameter and approximately four inches long. Twenty-one variously shaped pieces of the very highest and best character of steels are employed in the construction of each mechanism. All of the pieces had to be heated to high temperatures in electric furnaces and quenched in oil to produce the proper hardness. Each piece had to be made with the greatest accuracy, as, for illustration, if a single piece varied the one-thousandth part of an inch from the standard fixed by the Government, it was cause for rejection by the Government experts. There was an urgent need for immediate delivery of large quantities of these firing mechanisms, but the Government was very doubtful of the ability of the average manufacturing concern to produce them because of the high mechanical skill required for the manufacture and the absolute accuracy to standard to which they had to conform.

Mr. Laucks immediately stated to the Ordnance Department that if the Government would furnish him with drawings his Company would make and present for inspection a single mechanism, from which the Government might judge whether or not the Company was in a position to make them satisfactorily. The offer was accepted and in less than one week after receipt of the drawings the firing mechanism had been produced in the shops of the Company and submitted to the officials of the Ordnance Department, who were astonished and delighted not only





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LAUXMONT—RESIDENCE OF S. FORRY LAUCKS



at the efficiency of the product but were amazed at the short time taken to produce a single mechanism of a character that *had never heretofore been made in the United States*. Large orders were hereupon given by the Government and the product eminently satisfactory in every respect was gratefully received by the Ordnance Department, and relieved a pressing and imperative need of the Government and its Allies.

The success achieved in this instance increased the demands made by the Government upon the York Safe and Lock Company. The work committed to their charge involved in all cases the manufacture of articles in which accuracy in manufacture was the prime necessity. Some of the contracts for spindle plugs, for instance, the bore of each of which had to pass an inspection of four ten-thousandths of an inch, yet all contracts were fully completed much within the stipulated time and to the entire satisfaction of the Government.

Recognized, at the outset, as a successful executive of a great manufacturing business, Mr. Laucks was called to Washington again and again for consultation with the Government Officials. His advice and counsel, based on his practical knowledge of manufacturing, was eagerly sought and gladly followed. When some problem would arise that, seemingly, defied solution, Mr. Laucks frequently carried the elements of that problem back with him to his plant, where it was patiently and tirelessly worked upon, its solution obtained, taken back to Washington and there approved and adopted. To this and to work of like character, Mr. Laucks freely gave all his time and effort practically to the exclusion of all other business, but these exacting and unselfish labors were as the Government stated, "Not rendered in vain," as appears in part, but in part only, in the long and honorable record of its Company's activities and by its vast and varied contributions to the ways and means by which the World War was conducted to its victorious ending, and one of the most highly prized mementos of the achievements of his factory was a citation received by Mr. Laucks after the Peace of Versailles, by the Chief of Ordnance, and the bestowal by the War Department of an Award of Honor,

in which the Department stated that it "Recognizes in this Award for distinguished service, the Loyalty, Energy and Efficiency in its performance of the War Work by which the York Safe and Lock Company aided materially in obtaining a Victory for the Arms of the United States of America in the World War."

The success of Mr. Laucks in converting his plant to the manufacture of implements of warfare during the Government's need was paralleled by the achievement of his Company of peace time products.

Mr. Laucks, who succeeded his father as President of the Company thirteen years ago has insisted throughout his business career that the product of his factory must, in every instance, be made of the best possible materials, and of the best possible workmanship. The York Safe and Lock Company stands today, not only the principal factor in the trade but its President has been recognized throughout the industry as heading the list of American Vault Builders. The secret of his success has been "that tremendous capacity for work, which has been described by some as constituting genius," and in addition thereto an infinite capacity for taking pains.

This Company has manufactured and installed the vaults of countless banks in every section of the country, including the gigantic vault work in the United States Federal Reserve Banks in New York, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Boston, and elsewhere. Among its products exported to foreign lands was a recent shipment of a vault of gigantic construction, now being erected in Tokyo, Japan, in fulfillment of an order from the Imperial Japanese Government.

Strenuous as have been the demands upon him by his Company, his labors have not been confined to that single successful industry. He for many years has occupied the position of Chief Executive of the York Foundry and Machine Company, the Ely-Norris Safe Company, the Maryland Bolt & Nut Company, the Pottsville Foundry & Stove Company and the L. L. Bates Company, and is one of the Directors and principal owner of the Harrison Bolt & Nut Company, Harrison, N. J.

His services and counsel have been enlisted



by the United States Chamber of Commerce, the International Chamber of Commerce, and he is occupying the position of Director in the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce.

Nor does the field of manufacture confine his activities. He has served as Director of the York County National Bank, one of the oldest banking institutions in this City, for more than thirty years, which bank he now serves as President.

The patriotism of his forefathers runs in his blood, and he is a life member of the George Washington Sulgrave Institution, of the New England Historical Society, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Huguenot Society, and the Historical Societies of Pennsylvania and York County.

In 1927 a meeting of the citizens of York was convened in the Court House to formulate plans to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Sessions of the Continental Congress in this historic town in 1777-78 during the darkest period of the Revolution. Interested citizens thronged the Court House to capacity and every speaker voiced in glowing phrases the necessity of selecting man and methods to devise and carry out plans commensurate with the worth, dignity and importance of the event to be celebrated. Without a dissenting voice Mr. Laucks was elected Chairman of the General Committee with authority to appoint men on that Committee of his own selection, and Mr. Laucks accepted the call and started upon the work with characteristic vim and foresightedness. He kept in touch with the work of all sub-committees and prepared a plan not only ambitious in scope but practicable in every detail.

The celebration lasted three days and nights. Addresses upon the part York played in the early days of this Republic were delivered to crowded houses by local historians. Delegations from the United States Senate and House of Representatives paid tribute to the deeds of our forefathers. Pageants each afternoon showed the progress of the Republic in Military, Industrial and Civic Life, and every evening there was produced in the open air a stirring story of Revolutionary days written for the occasion and acted by our home people in a manner which showed dramatic ability of a high order.

The celebration attracted and held the attention of the State and Country and went down into history as a unique achievement.

He is a member of the Pennsylvania Governing Committee of the Gorgas Institute, American Museum of Natural History, and his love of nature and art are shown by his membership in the Horticultural Society of New York and the New Art Gallery of New York City.

The town of York pulsates with civic pride and Mr. Laucks rendered signal aid through large contributions when the appeal came for \$750,000.00 for a new Y. M. C. A., for \$1,500,000.00 for a new hospital, and for a new \$1,000,000.00 hotel, the Hotel Yorktowne, of which last named Corporation he serves as a charter member of the Board.

In ecclesiastical and educational fields, Mr. Laucks is identified with and a member of Trinity First Reformed Church, of this City; he is Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the Childrens' Home of York, to which he has rendered efficient aid by his counsel and to which he has made generous donations, not only of time but of money. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin & Marshall College of Lancaster and of the York Collegiate Institute, of this City, and in the administration of the affairs of both institutions he takes an active interest.

In politics his advice is sought and his party honored him for his service by electing him a delegate to the National Convention in Baltimore in 1912 when Woodrow Wilson was first nominated for the Presidency. He is well and favorably known in Washington, where the charm of his personality has gained him many friends. Many persons holding high positions in the Government service have developed from mere acquaintances into fast friends and he has entertained at his country home along the Susquehanna River some of the most distinguished men in the country's public life.

He is fond of human fellowships and takes rational enjoyment in club life. In addition to all the principal town and country clubs of the Cities of York and Lancaster, he is a member of the Maryland Club, Merchants' Club, Maryland Yacht Club, and the Baltimore Country Club of Baltimore, Md.; of the Hard-



ware Club and the New York Athletic Club of the City of New York. He is a founder life member of the Congressional Country Club and of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Country Club, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Laucks married Miss Blanche Elliott (now deceased), daughter of Isaac Elliott, also deceased, of this City, and has an only child, a son, Elliott Forry Laucks.

Mr. Laucks, whose life and personality touch every field of human endeavor, is a man of whom the City of York is justly proud and the record of his achievements in the various phases of industrial, educational and political fields make him an inspiration to the youth of his native town.

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#### EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE AT LAUXMONT

Extensive improvements are under way on the three farms of S. Forry Laucks, located in West Manchester township; on his ten farms adjoining and adjacent to his country residence, "Lauxmont," along the Susquehanna river, near Wrightsville, and on the "Lauxmont" estate as well. Barns are being rebuilt or improved, new barns, swine and chicken houses are being constructed on some of the farms; painters will do their bit; and other work will be done at various places to beautify and improve the farms and estate.

Mr. Laucks owns about 1,300 acres of land at and about his country home, "Lauxmont," and plans have been prepared for additional improvement at "Lauxmont," including the construction of a stone wall, about 500 feet long, facing the newly built state highway which passes the estate.

A large fish pond, about 150 feet by 75 feet, will also be constructed on the estate, and through an arrangement of shrubbery, flowers, and so forth, it is hoped to attain a sunken garden effect at this point. The residence, known as a chateau, is one of the most magnificent in central and southern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Laucks has recently made Matt Abts, of Nebraska, manager for his farms. Mr. Abts is an expert in the breeding and development of blooded stock.

Mr. Laucks, who is the president and general manager of the York Safe and Lock company, and president of the York County National bank, stated that he decided upon this extensive program as one way to aid the present unemployment situation in York County.

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#### *Child 1*

##### 1. Elliott Forry Laucks

York, New York City, and West Orange, N. J.

m—June 1, 1929 Josephine Frances Lehman

Elliott F. Laucks was a student at Tarrytown on Hudson and other schools of note, including a school of art

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#### LEHMAN—LAUCKS WEDDING

West Orange, N. J.

A charming home wedding took place June 1, 1929, at 5 o'clock, when Miss Josephine F. Lehman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Lehman, 122 Main St., West Orange, N. J., became the bride of Mr. Elliott Forry Laucks, only son of S. Forry Laucks of York, Pa.

Rev. Samuel Stein, D.D., of York, performed the ceremony at the Lehman home, where the floral decorations were very elaborate.

The bride wore a gown of ivory satin, trimmed with Duchess and point lace, that had been worn on her mother's wedding gown. Her veil formed a coronet over her head and was trimmed with orange-blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white orchids and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Cecil Keefe of New Brunswick, the matron of honor, wore an orchid-colored chiffon gown and carried a bouquet of butterfly roses.

Miss Lehman, the maid of honor and sister of the bride, wore a gown of pink georgette and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Shortly after the ceremony, a



wedding dinner was served to all the guests at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark.

Mrs. Lehman, mother of the bride, wore black lace and a corsage of orchids.

The newlyweds will spend their honeymoon in Canada and, on their return, will be at home at 125 Main St., West Orange, N. J.

Mr. S. Forry Laucks, father of the groom, chartered a special Pullman car to take the guests from York to West Orange and return. The car left York at 9:05 A. M. and arrived in Newark at 1:27 P. M.

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The guests attending the wedding and who went in the special car were:

Miss Irene E. Laucks, York; Mrs. William Henry Xanders, Syracuse, Ind. (at that time); Mrs. Robert L. Motter, York; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buckingham, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Laucks, York; Mr. and Mrs. George L.

Xanders, Syracuse, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. I. Laucks Xanders, John Buckingham, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Woollen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Forry Buckingham, Baltimore, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Motter, John A. Katz, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Motter, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Free, Fred L. Motter, Dr. Samuel H. Stein, York; Mr. and Mrs. George Blome, Baltimore, Md.; and S. Forry Laucks, York.

*Child 1*

1. June Evelyn Laucks, b June 5, 1930  
Baptized Oct. 23, 1930 by Dr. Samuel H. Stein of York at West Orange, N. J.

Guests present: S. Forry Laucks, York; Mr. and Mrs. Matt C. Abts, Milwaukee, Wis.; I. L. Xanders, Baltimore, Md.; and others from N. Y. City and Brooklyn. Those present from N. J. were the parents and grandparents and great-grandmother

3. SAMUEL LAUCKS (OF ELIZABETH SMYSER)  
Died at 21 yrs.

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## Salome Smyser

### 2nd Child of Mathias 3rd and Elizabeth

#### 2. SALOME SMYSER

Feb. 9, 1808—1895, Feb. 26

Lived in York Co. and York  
m—1827 Jacob King

Sept. 5, 1804—1878, Jan. 24

(For forty years "Aunty King" was blind. She was tall and slender and wore a dainty cap. Whenever we called on her she would put her hands on our heads to see how tall we had grown—and to hear her express her lively surprise at our rapid growth was most flattering.—A. L. X.)

*Children 3*

1. Caroline E. King, 1828—1892, Sept. 13
2. William Smyser King, Sept. 4, 1838—  
1878, Aug. 1

3. Arabella Sarah King, Feb. 2, 1840—  
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#### 1. CAROLINE E. KING

Mar. 6, 1828—1892, Sept. 13

Lived in York, corner Market and Newberry Sts.  
m—Aug. 25, 1846 to Dr. Charles M. Ness  
(June 26, 1827—1896, June 7), son of Dr.  
Henry Ness and wife

Dr. Charles Ness is a Spangler descendant  
(Spangler Annals, page 207)

He is the inventor of silicon steel process. He  
was appointed by President Grant commis-  
sioner on iron and steel at the Vienna Exposi-  
tion

His home at one time was the show home of  
York

*Children 7*

1. Sallie Felicia Ness, July 31, 1847—1850, Dec. 31
2. Elizabeth Smyser Ness, Oct. 22, 1851—1928, Dec. 17
3. Henry Ness, Dec. 21, 1854—
4. Jacob King Ness, Jan. 24, 1857—1861
5. George Van Ness, Aug. 11, 1862—1863, Aug. 1
6. Charles Mortier Ness, July 9, 1866—
7. Egbert Gulick Ness, July 28, 1871—

2. ELIZABETH SMYSER NESS  
1851—1928

Lived York; after marriage at 256 East Philadelphia St.

m—June 16, 1882 to Eli Lewis Forney, son of Lewis Forney, Waynesboro, Pa.

1853—1929, Mar. 20

He came to York from Baltimore, Md., in 1889

*Children 4*

1. Dr. Norman S. Forney, lives Milltown, N. J. m—

*Children 2*

1. Norman Ness Forney
2. Charles Forney
2. Lewis Smyser Forney, lives Baltimore, Md.

Instructor at the Baltimore College

3. Nelson J. Forney, lives Dover, Del.  
He is a jeweler. m—

*Children 2*

1. Nelson Forney, Jr.
2. Robert Forney
4. Carrie King Forney, lives York

3. HENRY NESS, M.D.

Like his father, Dr. Charles M. Ness, and his grandfather, Dr. Henry Ness, the medical profession held an irresistible attraction for him; he resigned his position in a bank for that profession

He graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and assisted his father for some time, then returned to a business career, establishing the York Tack and Nail Works. He was at the head of it for 20 yrs.

After he retired he was for 10 yrs. an active director of the York National Bank. In 1900

he became vice-president and in 1906 president.

On the return of Grier Hersh from Baltimore, he again became vice-president and still holds that office (Jan. 1931). Since then the bank has added a trust department.

m—Oct. 2, 1882 Sallie Fisher, daug. of Henry L., a noted lawyer of York and a writer

*Children 2*

1. H. Gordon Ness
2. Everette V. Ness

2. WILLIAM SMYSER KING (OF SALOME SMYSER)  
Sept. 4, 1838—1878, Aug. 1  
m—1859 Jane King of Berlin

*Children 2*

1. Jacob King, drowned at York Haven when 16 yrs. of age
2. Charles King, m—Rose , of Baltimore, Md. Lived York

*Children 2*

1. William King, b 1900
2. Jacob King, b 1902

3. ARABELLA S. KING

Feb. 2, 1840—1927, Jan. 21

Lived York

m—Jan. 5, 1860 Charles Augustus Klinefelter

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MRS. ARABELLA S. KLINEFELTER

The funeral of Mrs. Arabella S. Klinefelter, widow of Charles A. Klinefelter, who died last Friday morning, was held at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from her home, 300 West Market street. Services were conducted over her body by Rev. Dr. W. H. Feldmann and Rev. Dr. A. G. Fastnacht. The pallbearers were Dr. E. W. Meisenhelter, Jr., William S. Bond, Charles F. Baer, Henry Ness, Robert Myers, Edwin S. Ziegler, Clayton Ziegler and John A. Lynes. Burial was made privately in Prospect Hill cemetery.

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*Children 2*

1. Jacob King Klinefelter, July 22, 1867—1930, Dec. 20
2. Sarah (Sallie) Klinefelter
1. JACOB KING KLINEFELTER  
m—Feb. 10, 1889 Jennie M. Ziegler



*Child 1*

1. Died young

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JACOB KING KLINEFELTER

Jacob King Klinefelter, one of the five surviving charter members of the local lodge of Elks, died at 3:30 o'clock this morning at his home, 300 West Market street, after an illness of three months, during which period he was continuously confined to his room. He was in his 64th year. The deceased was a son of the late Charles A. and Arabella King Klinefelter. He is survived by his widow, Jennie Ziegler Klinefelter, and a sister, Mrs. John A. Hooper, of this city. The deceased, like his mother, was born and lived his entire life in the home in which he died.

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2. SARAH KLINEFELTER

Lived West Market St., York

m—July 28, 1925 John A. Hooper, attorney-at-law

3. JOSEPH SMYSER (OF MATHIAS 3RD)

Feb. 1, 1811—1903, Jan. 31

Moved to York in 1844

m—Nov. 5, 1835 Sarah Weaver of Gettysburg, Pa., daug. of Jacob Weaver and his wife Margaret Eyster, daug. of George Eyster and wife Mary Margaret Slagle

*Children 5*

1. Jeremiah Smyser, b Sept. 30, 1836, died 1836; buried Laucks School House
2. Amanda Elizabeth Smyser, b Sept. 3, 1837, died young; buried Laucks School House
3. Catherine Louise Elizabeth Smyser, Jan. 28, 1845—1913, Jan. 1
4. Ellen Sarah Smyser, Aug. 15, 1847—
5. Alice Margretta Smyser

3. CATHERINE LOUISE ELIZABETH SMYSER

Jan. 28, 1845—1913, Jan. 1

Lived York

m—1865 Dr. Jacob Hay, 3rd (1833—1897), who graduated from the University of Maryland in 1854

Member of the County, State, and National Medical Associations. Practised his profession 42 yrs.

He was on the school board many years

*Children 5*

1. Nellie Hay, baptized Sarah Ellen Hay Lived York, and Overbrook near Phila. m—Francis A. Steavens (—1930 Aug.), son of Alexander and wife

*Children 3*

1. Catherine Hay Steavens
2. Alexander Bolden Steavens
3. Francis Alexander Steavens, m—Mildred

Live Philadelphia. 1 Child

2. Lucy Kate (Louise) Hay, lives Phila. m—Dec. 21, 1899 Charles Augustus Weeks, Jr., son of Charles Augustus (b Philadelphia) and his wife Kate Higgins (b Baton Rouge, La.). Their son was born in Houston, Miss.

*Child 1*

1. Charles Hay Weeks
3. Joseph S. Hay, M.D., lived York and Perth Amboy, N. J.  
He was a student Swanee College, Tenn., Bellevue Hospital, N. Y. City  
m—Wilhelmina V.  
No issue

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May 1931—copied from York paper:

Wilhelmina V. Hay, wife of Dr. Joseph S. Hay, died at her home in Perth Amboy, N. J., last Sunday evening at 9:10 o'clock from a heart condition, etc., etc. Funeral services tomorrow afternoon at the Dr. Jacob Hay Mausoleum, Prospect Hill Cemetery, York, Pa.

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4. Katie Hay, lives 603 W. Market St., York m—Oct. 17, 1907 Robert Bell Weaver  
He is in the bond business

*Children 2*

1. Catherine Smyser Weaver, died infancy
2. Robert Hay Weaver, m—Apr. 1930 Bessie Wallace

5. Jacob Hay 4th, lives on the Lincoln Highway, East of York, R. D. 7  
Student University of Pennsylvania  
Bond business in Central National Bank  
m—Oct. 22, 1912 Sylvia Young, daug. of Thomas J. and wife Alberta C.

*Child 1*

1. Jacob Hay 5th, b Oct. 2, 1920

4. ELLEN SARAH SMYSER

b Aug. 15, 1847—

m—Apr. 26, 1869 to Clay E. Lewis

Apr. 5, 1844—1897, Dec. 10

b Dover, died York

*Children 8*

1. Ellis Smyser Lewis
2. Joseph Smyser Lewis
3. Mabel Rebecca Lewis
4. Sarah Moore Lewis, 1875—1910
5. Clay Eugene Lewis
6. Ellen Kate Lewis
7. Margaret Viola Lewis
8. Mathias Smyser Lewis

1. ELLIS SMYSER LEWIS

b Feb. 11, 1870—

Lives 658 Linden Ave., York

m—1894 Emma W. Klinefelter, daug. of Rev. Frederick and wife of Greencastle, Pa.

Rev. Klinefelter was born in York

He was a student at Gettysburg College during the Civil War and formed a company of which he was captain

Lutheran

*Children 2*

1. Anna W. Lewis
2. Ellis Lewis, dec.

Ellis Smyser Lewis' paternal ancestors came from Wales and settled in Chester Co. about 1708.

He was educated in public schools and York County Academy.

Clerk Western National Bank 1885. Private banking business, with Smyser, Bott & Co., 1891, which firm consolidated with the York Trust Co., and he was then made teller; treasurer 1899; vice president and treasurer 1909; 1917 he became its president, succeeding Mr. John W. Steacy.

Mr. Lewis is interested in other financial affairs: treasurer and director of the Gettysburg Gas Co.; director York Chamber of Commerce; director, secretary, treasurer of

the York Improvement Co.; president and director R. E. Rodda Candy Co.; president and director American Caramel Co.; director American Steamship Co. (Great Lakes).

During the World War he was chairman of all Liberty Loan Committees in York and vicinity.

Past master and trustee of York Lodge No. 266, Master Masons; trustee York Co. Academy; Y. W. C. A.

Member Pennsylvania Society of New York; Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution; Colonial Society of Pennsylvania; American Academy of Political and Social Science; member American and Pennsylvania Bankers Association; president, 1923, York Co. Bankers Association.

Clubs: Lafayette; York Country; York Rotary (president 1920); York County Automobile; White Rose Motor Club (president); Blue Sea Lake Club, Canada; Lismore Fish and Game Club, Canada.

Republican.

2. JOSEPH SMYSER LEWIS

Lives York

Druggist

m—Sarah Huntzberger

No issue

3. MABEL REBECCA LEWIS

York and Philadelphia

m—Morton C. Wilt

No issue

4. SADIE MOORE LEWIS

1875—1910

m—Ralph D. Smyser, son of Albert and wife Amelia Magdalena Blessing

*Child 1*

1. Sarah Smyser, b 1906

York and Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa.

m—May 28, 1927 Leighton Edgar McNulty

*Child 1*

1. , b Dec. 4, 1929

5. CLAY EUGENE LEWIS

1602 West Market St., York

Graduated from the law school of the University of Pennsylvania

m—Nov. 23, 1911 Louise W. Reinecker, daug. of F. Edward and his wife Magdalena Yeager

*Children 5*

1. Louise Ellen Lewis, 1913—1914
2. Clay Edward Lewis



3. Rebecca Mary Lewis

While a pupil of the Junior High School was awarded one of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary medals. The winners of the medals had to qualify in scholarship, companionship, character and service

She was also crowned queen at the annual May festival on the William Shelly playground

4. Margaret Aurilla Lewis

5. Ellen Louise Lewis

6. ELLEN KATE LEWIS

York

m—Hugh Bair of Delta. No issue

7. MARGARET VIOLA LEWIS

m 1st—Mar. 25, 1918 George Edward Evans of Great Barrington, Mass.

He was a mechanical engineer and an officer in the World War

He died May 24, 1918

No issue

m 2nd—June 3, 1920 Luther Dwight Menough, in Washington, D. C. No issue

8. MATHIAS SMYSER LEWIS

Lives Schuylerville, N. J.

Chemist

m—Nov. 1918 Arelia Siddon of Joliet, Ill.

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WOMAN, WHO HEARD LINCOLN, IS ILL

Mrs. Ella S. Lewis is seriously sick at her home, 325 West Market street. Mrs. Lewis is the mother of Ellis S. Lewis, president of the York Trust company. Mrs. Lewis is one of the few persons now living who heard president Abraham Lincoln make his famous address at Gettysburg at the time of the dedication of the battlefield as a national cemetery.

In recalling her presence at Gettysburg at the time of the Lincoln address, Mrs. Lewis told how a girl she knew in the crowd, through resorting to subterfuge, secured a seat on the platform. The sagacious girl was ambitious to sit close to Lincoln, but had no way of being admitted to the platform which was reserved for the distinguished. She gained her end by pretending to faint. She was picked up from where she fell and carried to the platform. When she pretended to revive the clever girl was permitted to remain and she got a coveted seat near the great Lincoln. Some time later the girl confided to Mrs.

Lewis how she worked the trick to get on the platform.

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5. ALICE MARGRETTA SMYSER (OF JOSEPH)

Lives York; owns a beautiful country home north of York. b June 4, 1852—

m—Mar. 16, 1871 to John Goodfellow Cannon, dentist. He died Nov. 17, 1890. Buried at sea while crossing the Atlantic Ocean from England

Mrs. Cannon was educated in York and at Lutherville Seminary, Lutherville, Md.

Lutheran

*Children 2*

1. Blanche Valeria Cannon, Mar. 17, 1872—Harrisburg, Pa.

m—June 2, 1892 Carlton F. Spinney of Boston, Mass.; b Portsmouth, N. H. Civil engineer. No issue

2. Ralph Smyser Cannon, lives York and has a beautiful place on the Wrightsville Pike or Lincoln Highway, East. Secretary-treasurer, Historical Society of York; b Jan. 11, 1874

Educated in schools of York and Gettysburg College

m—Jan. 2, 1906 Edith Luella Beard, b Jan. 27, 1880—, Yorkana, York Co. She is a graduate of Goucher College and Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, Md.; daug. of Henry Burns Beard and wife Alice Elizabeth Dietz

*Children 3*

1. Harry Beard Cannon, b Jan. 7, 1907—

Graduated Mercersburg Academy, class of 1924; Princeton, class of 1928

Representative for Equitable Life Insurance Co. of New York City  
m—Sept. 1930 Dorothy Nelson, daug. of Edwin J.

2. Ralph Smyser Cannon, Jr., b Apr. 21, 1910—

Graduated Mercersburg Academy, class of 1927; Princeton, class of 1931

Teacher of Geology, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

3. Alice Blanche Cannon, b Oct. 4, 1915—

Student (1931) at Harcum School, Bryn Mawr, Pa. She is named for her two grandmothers and two aunts

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4. SAMUEL SMYSER (OF MATHIAS 3RD)  
Oct. 29, 1813—1899, Mar. 15  
m—1865 Rebecca Lewis, daug. of Dr. Robert Nebinger Lewis and wife Mary Moore  
No issue. Very wealthy

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## Philip A. Smyser

### 8th Child of Mathias Jr. and Louisa

#### 8. PHILIP A. SMYSER

Dec. 8, 1785—1871, Oct. 1. 85—9—22

Lived York

Saddler

He served as a member of the State Legislature m—Susan Hoyer of Harrisburg (1790—1863, Nov. 14), daug. of George Hoyer, a native of York Co. who moved to Harrisburg about 1780, where he purchased land from the Harris's in what is now Market Square

(He traded in general merchandise and built the popular tavern of which he was the proprietor many years.

He was one of the organizers of the Harrisburg Bank.

Member of the German Reformed Church.

He helped to organize the Church on Chestnut St.

He married Catherine Shultz of York Co. She died 1833 and he lived until 1841.

After the organization of the Borough of Harrisburg, he was elected its first chief burgess.

They had one son, Jacob, and three daughters: Susan, m—Philip A. Smyser; Sarah and Eliza, single.

Jacob Hoyer was born 1793. He was in the war of 1812—1814. m—Lucetta Brua.)

#### *Children 4*

1. Catherine Louise Smyser, Mar. 27, 1813—1884, July 9
2. Albert Hoyer Smyser, Feb. 1, 1818—
3. Edward G. Smyser, June 15, 1820—1887, Sept. 22
4. Sarah Jane Smyser, 1821—1863

#### 1. CATHERINE LOUISE SMYSER

Mar. 7, 1814—1884, July 9

Lived York

m—May 7, 1835 Dr. Henry Miller McClellan

(Oct. 12, 1809—1869, Aug. 7), son of Robert and wife Sarah Miller

Dr. McClellan was a very prominent physician in his day.

After the death of his father, his mother married Dr. William Jamison, with whom Henry Miller McClellan pursued his medical studies.

He was also a student of the Medical College of Baltimore and a graduate of that institution.

Dr. McClellan was a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was elder and treasurer.

#### *Children 7*

1. Catherine Jane McClellan, July 6, 1836—  
m—J. Fenimore Welsh. No issue
2. Mary Elizabeth McClellan, July 10, 1838—1840, Feb. 3
3. Edward Smyser McClellan, Feb. 24, 1842—1846, Dec. 15
4. Robert Barrows McClellan, Feb. 8, 1844—1849, Aug. 10
5. Philip Smyser McClellan, Nov. 16, 1847—1854, Sept. 6
6. Louisa Smyser McClellan, July 7, 1850—1850, Sept. 16
7. William Henry McClellan, Sept. 21, 1853—1920, Mar. 15  
Lived York  
m 1st—Oct. 31, 1878 Mary Fulton Small, July 26, 1856—1882, Dec. 1  
No issue  
m 2nd—Jan. 21, 1886 Mary Ellen Smith, b June 5, 1855

#### *Children 2*

1. William Smith McClellan, b Feb. 3, 1887—  
Lives York



m—Apr. 14, 1917 Josephine Niles,  
b Apr. 8, 1892

*Children 4*

1. Josephine McClellan, b Aug.  
17, 1918
  2. Catherine McClellan, b Mar.  
1, 1921
  3. Henry Bruce McClellan, b  
Apr. 10, 1924
  4. Mary Hamilton McClellan, b  
June 1, 1927
2. Cassandra McClellan, b Sept. 12,  
1891

Lived York and Spring Grove  
m—June 1, 1911 Philip Hollinger  
Glatfelter (b Mar. 30, 1889), son of  
W. L. Glatfelter, president of the  
York Manufacturing Co. and owner  
of the Spring Grove Paper Mills,  
and his wife Amanda E. Laucks,  
daug. of John G. and his wife  
Susan C.

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P. H. GLATFELTER WINS YORK  
BRIDE

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Son of Spring Grove Manufacturer  
Weds Miss Cassandra McClellan

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With only near relatives and a  
few friends of the bride and bride-  
groom present, Philip H. Glatfel-  
ter, Spring Grove, and Miss Cassan-  
dra McClellan, 38 North Duke  
street, this city, were married last  
evening at 6 o'clock at the bride's  
home, by the Rev. J. E. Tuttle,  
pastor of the First Presbyterian  
church. Mrs. Glatfelter is the  
daughter of W. H. McClellan, of  
the firm of McClellan & Gotwalt,  
East Market street hardware deal-  
ers. Mr. Glatfelter is the son of  
W. L. Glatfelter, president of the  
York Manufacturing company and  
owner of the Spring Grove paper  
mills. The honeymoon of the newly  
married couple will be spent on an  
extended automobile trip.

Palms and pink roses were used  
in the decorations of the parlor of

the McClellan home. The bride  
was given away by her father. Miss  
Mildred Williams, York, was maid  
of honor, and the bridesmaids were  
Miss Katharine D. Smith, this city,  
and Miss Elizabeth G. Moul, Han-  
over. In attendance to the bride-  
groom was Samuel A. Dyer, Ches-  
ter, as best man. The ushers were  
Wade Bunting, Ashland; Frederick  
D. Suydam, Paterson, N. J.; Wil-  
liam J. Rynick, Baltimore, and  
William S. McClellan, this city.

A gown of embroidered white  
ivory satin, draped with duchess  
lace used on the wedding dress of  
her mother, was worn by the bride.  
Her veil was of French tulle, falling  
to the bottom of the gown, and she  
carried a bouquet of lilies of the  
valley and orchids. Miss Williams  
was attired in a gown of white satin,  
with a deep hem of Nile green chif-  
fon cloth. The dresses of the brides-  
maids were of Nile green satin,  
trimmed with white net, embroid-  
ered in gold with green and silver  
lined beads. The maid of honor  
and the bridesmaids carried bou-  
quets of pink roses.

The wedding was followed by a  
dinner. Mrs. Glatfelter received  
numerous presents, including gold  
pieces, silverware and cut glass.  
They will make their home at  
Spring Grove, where Mr. Glatfel-  
ter has considerable business inter-  
ests. He is also connected with the  
York Manufacturing company, this  
city.

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*Children 5*

1. Mary Elizabeth Glatfelter, b  
Feb. 20, 1913
2. Philip Henry Glatfelter, 3rd,  
b Mar. 17, 1916
3. William Lincoln Glatfelter,  
2nd, b Dec. 24, 1918
4. Theodore McClellan Glatfel-  
ter, b Mar. 7, 1920
5. George Hollinger Glatfelter,  
b Dec. 3, 1926

3. EDWARD G. SMYSER (OF PHILIP A.)

1820—1887

Lived York

m 1st—Sarah Jane Doudell (1820—1863 Aug.), daug. of Michael and his wife Sarah Ebert

*Children 7*

1. George P. Smyser, May 20, 1843—
2. Henry M. Smyser, Nov. 11, 1844—
3. Ellen L. Smyser
4. James A. Smyser
5. Susan E. Smyser, died young
6. Edward G. Smyser, Jr., died young
7. Sarah E. Smyser

Edward G. Smyser was a worthy representative of the Smyser family, prominent in the financial, social and philanthropic circles of the community in which he lived. Fourth generation from the progenitor of the family in the United States.

He was very successful in business, first as a merchant and later as proprietor of the Variety Iron Works, still owned and managed by his descendants.

At the time of his death, he was president of the York and Wrightsville Turnpike Co.; trustee of the York Co. Academy; vice president of the Orphans Home at York; and treasurer of the York and Peach Bottom R. R.

He was also a director of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and a trustee of Pennsylvania College in same city.

In 1868 he served as a member of the Home Missions and Church Extension Committees, and was elected treasurer of both.

In 1869 the Societies were dissolved and the Boards were established. He was appointed a member of both and re-appointed treasurer of both.

After serving about 10 yrs. he resigned the treasurership of the Home Mission Board, but continued to serve the Board of Church Extension until his death.

He was a devoted church worker, member of Zion's Lutheran Church from its organization.

He was a teacher in the Sunday School and many years its superintendent. In every way he showed his public spirit.

1. GEORGE P. SMYSER

May 20, 1843—1912, Feb. 28

Lived East Market St., York

m—Nov. 22, 1865 Jane Victoria Fulton (1837—1895, Dec. 26), daug. of Thomas, cotton manufacturer, who lived near Mt. Washington, near Baltimore, Md.

Mr. G. P. Smyser was a great traveller—first in the U. S., then in Europe and the Near East.

In the five trips he made to the Old World and the Holy Land, he became thoroughly familiar with Europe and the Orient, its people and customs.

He was a man well known and highly esteemed.

*Children 3*

1. Mary S. Smyser
2. S. Jane D. Smyser
3. Annie G. Smyser

1. MARY SMALL SMYSER

Lived York and 3223 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg, Pa.

m—Nov. 22, 1893 William Kinzer of Lancaster, Pa.

*Children 2*

1. Jane Smyser Kinzer  
m—Oct. 21, 1916 George Appleton Butterworth
2. Mary Fulton Small Kinzer  
m—Feb. 10, 1920 William Robert Fritzinger

*Child 1*

1. Olivia Anna Fritzinger

2. SARAH JANE DOUDELL SMYSER

b York

Lives (1929) 215 Woodbine St., Harrisburg, Pa.

m—Nov. 23, 1897 George Hodges Jeffers, son of Dr. Eliakim Tupper Jeffers, who was president of the York Collegiate Institute from June 1893 until Nov. 1915, the time of his death



*Child 1*

1. George Philip Smyser Jeffers, lives (1929) 3200 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, Pa.  
m—June 28, 1927 Ivy Huber Hiester

3. ANNIE G. SMYSER

Lives York

m—Sept. 24, 1896 W. Fred O. Rosenmiller, cashier York Co. Bank, York (1931)

*Children 3*

1. Joseph Lewis Rosenmiller, lives 814 South Duke St., York  
m 1st—Apr. 26, 1924 Dorothy Sibyl Shipley, daug. of Thomas and his wife Sarah Hunt

*Child 1*

1. Joseph Lewis Rosenmiller, Jr.  
His mother died shortly after his birth, Mar. 6, 1925

m 2nd—July 21, 1927 Elizabeth Bowman of Trenton, N. J., daug. of Robert K. and wife Rhoda Townsend

2. Jane Rosenmiller

3. Catherine Henrietta Rosenmiller, lives 383 East Market St., York  
m—Mar. 31, 1927 Charles Kerr, Jr., of Wrightsville, Pa., son of Charles M. and wife Blanche McConkey

2. HENRY M. SMYSER (OF EDWARD G.)

Nov. 10, 1844—1915, Dec. 27

Lived York

In 1875 he was made a member of the firm of E. G. Smyser

Later became president of the firm that manufactures structural and ornamental iron. They constructed the New York end of the Brooklyn bridge, a piece of mechanical engineering unsurpassed in any country

3. ELLEN L. SMYSER

—1912, July 15

Lived York in a lovely home on West Philadelphia St.

m—Oct. 13, 1869 William A. Myers (—1911, Aug. 29), son of David M. and wife Mary Slagle

*Children 6*

1. David M. Myers, bachelor  
Many years cashier First National Bank

2. Edward George Smyser Myers

3. Mary Jane Myers, lives in the lovely home on Philadelphia St.

4. Sarah Elizabeth Myers, lives 574 Madison Ave., York

m—Sept. 11, 1912 Paul W. Frailey

5. William H. Myers, lives 420 Roosevelt Ave., York. Manufacturer of ornamental iron

m—June 7, 1930 Josephine W. Danner, daug. of James and wife Frances Webster

6. Susan Smyser Myers, lives 155 West Springettsbury Ave., York

m—Frank A. Eyster

*Children 3*

1. William Myers Eyster

2. Franklin Spangler Eyster  
Students at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.—William, class of 1932, and Franklin, class of 1933

3. Ellen Smyser Eyster, senior Y. C. I.

4. JAMES A. SMYSER

Feb. 4, 1849—1915, Sept. 19  
Buried in York

In 1877 he moved to Baltimore, Md.

m—Mary Townsend, daug. of Lemuel

7. SARAH E. SMYSER

Lives York

m—Philip B. Spahr (—1920, May 26), son of Michael B. and wife Lydia K. Boyer

*Child 1*

1. Ellen Louise Spahr, lives York

m—Philip B. Deane of Middleboro, Mass.  
Sales manager of the York Safe and Lock Co., York

3. EDWARD G. SMYSER (OF PHILIP A.)

m 2nd—Nov. 1867 Elizabeth P. Lockman (1826—1912 Dec.), daug. of Rev. A. H. Lockman, who for nearly half a century served Christ Lutheran Church  
No issue



MR. GEO. P. SMYSER





# Elizabeth Smyser

## 9th Child of Mathias Jr. and Louisa

### 9. ELIZABETH SMYSER

Died young  
Mar. 4, 1789—1790

### 10. HENRY SMYSER

Jan. 4, 1792—1855, Aug. 31  
Lived York; owned tan yard  
m—1815 Catherine Spangler (May 16, 1796—  
1881, May 24), daug. of General Jacob  
Spangler and wife Susan Hay  
Buried Prospect Hill

#### *Children 3*

1. William Henry Smyser, Jan. 28, 1817—  
1832, Dec. 14
2. Susan Louise Smyser, Feb. 7, 1818—  
1848, July 24
3. Charles M. Smyser, Sept. 28, 1825—  
1859, Jan. 28

### 2. SUSAN LOUISE SMYSER

Lived York  
m—Oct. 11, 1837 Rev. Solomon Oswald  
Jan. 28, 1810—1876, Mar. 29

#### *Children 3*

1. Catherine S. Oswald
2. Mary M. Oswald, —1863, May 12
3. John P. B. Oswald, lived York  
July 27, 1842—1897, Feb. 1  
m—Oct. 16, 1866 Emma Stouch, b July  
20, 1847; living in Washington, D. C.  
(1921)

#### *Children 3*

1. Margaret H. Oswald, m—1886  
Charles Martin

#### *Child 1*

1. Marguerite Oswald Martin,  
m—1909 Charles Thompson  
Live Takoma Park, Md.
2. Anna L. Oswald, m—1890 Philip  
R. Richardson. No issue

3. Mary S. Oswald, m—1913 Charles  
V. Sponsler  
Live 32 West Jackson St., York

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### MARY EMMA OSWALD

Mary Emma Oswald, widow of John  
B. Oswald, died at the residence of her  
daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.  
C. V. Sponsler, 32 West Jackson street,  
at 5:30 a. m. Saturday. Death was due  
to complications. (March 30, 1930.)

Mrs. Oswald was born in York in  
1847 and lived here until 12 years ago,  
when she went to Washington, D. C.  
She was visiting her daughter here when  
stricken with her fatal illness.

Surviving her are three daughters,  
Mrs. M. H. Martin and Mrs. Anna  
Richardson, of Washington, D. C., and  
Mrs. C. V. Sponsler, of York. One grand-  
daughter, Mrs. C. W. Thompson, and  
two grandsons, John Haller and Stuart  
Oswald Thompson, all of Washington,  
D. C.

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Rev. Solomon Oswald  
m 2nd—Henrietta Piper, 1818—1881

Ref.: Orphans' Court. Book AA—1—1856.

1. CATHERINE SMYSER OSWALD  
b July 6, 1858  
Lived York  
m—William Gilberthorpe  
b Feb. 7, 1832



*Children 12*

1. Susan Louise Gilberthorpe
2. William Francis Gilberthorpe
3. Mary Stuck Gilberthorpe, died at 12 yrs.
4. George Owen Gilberthorpe
5. Catherine Smyser Gilberthorpe
6. Ruth Anna Gilberthorpe, died infancy
7. Priscilla Clara Gilberthorpe
8. Sarah Margaret Gilberthorpe
9. Henrietta Piper Gilberthorpe, died infancy
10. Linda Gilberthorpe
11. John Oswald Gilberthorpe, died infancy
12. Fannie Elizabeth Gilberthorpe, died infancy

1. SUSAN LOUISE GILBERTHORPE  
m—David Frank Greenawalt

*Children 3*

1. Edna Greenawalt, m—William Savage

*Child 1*

1. William Savage, Jr.
2. Samuel Greenawalt, m—Betty Wilson

*Child 1*

1. Carol Greenawalt
3. David Frank Greenawalt, m—Margaret Dullenkopf

*Children 2*

1. David Frank Greenawalt
2. Jean Greenawalt

2. WILLIAM FRANCIS GILBERTHORPE  
m—Emma Bennett

*Children 3*

1. Charles Moul Gilberthorpe
2. Mildred Gilberthorpe
3. Claire Gilberthorpe

4. GEORGE OWEN GILBERTHORPE  
m—Sallie Onion

*Child 1*

1. Son, died infancy
5. CATHERINE SMYSER GILBERTHORPE  
m—Robert Ellsworth Thornburg  
No issue
7. PRISCILLA CLARA GILBERTHORPE  
m—Curtis Detter  
No issue
8. SARAH MARGARET GILBERTHORPE  
Lives York  
m—Charles Heiges

*Children 4*

1. Anna Katherine Heiges
2. Mary McClellan Heiges
3. Linda Moul Heiges, died at 8 yrs.
4. Harry King Heiges

10. LINDA PIPER GILBERTHORPE  
m—Charles D. Moul

*Children 2*

1. Edwin Theodore Moul
2. Richard Oswald Moul

3. CHARLES M. SMYSER (OF HENRY)  
Sept. 28, 1825—1859, Jan. 28  
Lived York  
m—Isabelle Schall

*Children 2*

1. Clara L. Smyser  
1849—1873
2. Mary C. Smyser  
1852—1872

# Maria Dorothy Smyser

## 5th Child of Mathias 1st and Anna Catherine

### 5. MARIA DOROTHY SMYSER 1747—

m—Peter Hoke

Oct. 6, 1739—1804, Dec. 14

*Children 8*

1. Michael Hoke
2. Clorissa or Gloria Hoke
3. Catherine Hoke
4. Peter Hoke
5. Jacob Hoke, 1773—1820, Mar. 11
6. Sarah (Sallie) Hoke, m—Dr. John Pentz
7. Polly Hoke, m—Andrew Schreiber (Shriber)
8. George Hoke, 1785—1849, Aug. 16

Ref.: Will of Peter Hoke.

Book L—201. Made Dec. 12, 1804.

I Peter Hoke the Elder of West Manchester Twp., being sick and weak but of sound mind and memory, etc. Pay debts and funeral expenses.

ITEM:—To wife Dorothy I give the choice of everything of my household and kitchen furniture. I also give her 48 lbs. paid her during her life. The interest on 800 lbs. yearly and every year—she is also to receive immediately after my dec. 100 lbs. over and above what is above mentioned.

ITEM:—To my son Michael Hoke 1400 lbs. as soon after as possible, deducting what he already has had.

ITEM:—To son Peter Hoke I have conveyed a plantation which I purchased from the heirs of Geo. Krantz for 3330 lbs., he to retain 1400 lbs., what he has paid to me or the heirs of George Krantz to be deducted.

ITEM:—To son Jacob I give a plantation and tract of land lately surveyed by John Eichelberger, Deputy Surveyor, containing 240 acres and allowances subject to payment of 2500 lbs., deducting therefrom 1400 lbs. also deducting what he has already paid to me.

To son George Hoke all certain farm and my now dwelling Plantation adj. lands of Jacob and Michael Smyser, John Brubacker, Frederick Eichelberger, Peter Sprenkle and my other lands, subject to payment of 3333 lbs., he to deduct the sum of 1400 lbs.

Provides for daughter Gloria and her children 1000 lbs. To daughter Catherine 1000 lbs. To daughter Sabina m—John Pentz 1000 lbs. To daughter Mary m—Andrew Schreiber 1000 lbs.

Executors to allow daughter Sabina to live in and enjoy Northern part of my house on the East side of Beaver St., daughter Gloria to live in Southern part so long as Executors see fit. Residue in 8 equal shares, to each of my children  $\frac{1}{8}$ .

Executors sons Peter Hoke, Jacob Hoke, and friend Frederick Eichelberger. (1804.)

Probated 1805, Jan. 5.

Witness: Michael Smyser.

### 2. GLORIA HOKE

m—Adam Ebert

*Child 1*

1. Eliza Hoke Ebert, Jan. 1, 1798—1862, Feb. 16  
m—May 5, 1818 John Hay (1793—1821), son of Jacob Hay and wife Mary Rudisill

*Children 2*

1. William Ebert Hay, Feb. 8, 1819—1827, July 14
2. Charles Augustus Hay, Feb. 11, 1821—1893, June 23

### 2. REV. CHARLES AUGUSTUS HAY, D.D.

York

Only a babe when his father died

He was prepared for college in the Public Schools, German Reformed High School and York Co. Academy. After being tutored a year by Rev. John G. Morris, D.D., L.L.D.,



pastor of the First Lutheran Church in Baltimore, Md., at the early age of 15 years he entered the Sophomore class of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, graduating in 1839 as salutatorian of his class.

He graduated from the Theological Seminary in 1841, after which he went abroad and studied in the Universities of Berlin and Halle, Germany, for 2 years.

After being licensed to preach he became pastor of a church in Middletown, Md., in 1844.

From 1844 to 1848 he was professor of German for his Alma Mater and of Hebrew in the Theological Seminary. In 1849 he was pastor of Lutheran Churches in Hanover and Littlestown. From 1849 to 1865 he was pastor of the First Church at Harrisburg, Pa.

Was in 1865 elected professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis, German language and literature, and pastoral theology in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa.

In connection with the faculty he had since 1866 been pastor of Christ Church, Gettysburg, where he remained until his death, June 23, 1893. He was buried at Harrisburg, after services in Zion's Church there of which he had been pastor 16 years.

He was a trustee of Pennsylvania College from 1852. President of the General Synod 1881. Received the degree of D.D. from his Alma Mater in 1859, and from 1867 to 1880 served as secretary of that institution.

Dr. Hay filled two periods of service in the professor's chair, totalling 32 years. He was highly esteemed as a teacher, pastor, and translator.

m—May 5, 1845 Sarah Rebecca Barnitz, daug. of Charles Augustus Barnitz and wife Margaret Grier

Mr. Barnitz was at one time member of Congress from the York district. Mrs. Hay's grandfather was a Revolutionary War soldier

#### *Children 8*

1. Francis Eliza Hay, Feb. 25, 1846—1920, Feb. 28  
Died Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
m—Feb. 10, 1885 Rev. Martin Luther Heisler of Harrisburg, b Nov. 9, 1846  
No issue

2. John William Hay, M.D., b Apr. 15, 1847 at Gettysburg
3. Charles Barnitz Hay, Aug. 6, 1848—1849, Mar. 22
4. Margaret Rebecca Hay, 1850—1850
5. Rev. Charles Ebert Hay, D.D., b Oct. 8, 1851 at Harrisburg
6. Mary Jane Hay, June 1, 1853—
7. Rev. Edward Grier Hay, May 4, 1856—
8. George Washington Hay, 1861—1861

#### 2. DR. JOHN WILLIAM HAY

b Apr. 15, 1847

Graduated Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, class of 1868, and from the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia 1871 with the degree of M.D. For many years he was a prominent druggist of Harrisburg. In 1922 he is living—retired from business cares

m—Aug. 3, 1871 Sarah Jane Welty, b Jan. 20, 1848 at Gettysburg, daug. of Solomon and wife Mary Jane Livingston

#### *Children 9*

1. Rebecca Jane Hay, 1872—1876
2. William Welty Hay, 1876—1884
3. Bessie Barnitz Hay, b May 25, 1878  
m—Seymour Breese of Brooklyn, N. Y.  
b Aug. 11, 1877, son of Mathew and wife Della Walker

#### *Child 1*

1. Della Hay Breese, b Oct. 29, 1909
4. Charles Livingston Hay, b Oct. 15, 1881  
m—Edna Snyder, b Oct. 17, 1884, daug. of James and wife Lucinda Maurer of Harrisburg  
Live in Harrisburg, Pa.

#### *Children 5*

1. Helen Hay, b May 14, 1902
2. John Wm. Hay, 1903—1903
3. James Hay, b July 9, 1904
4. Charles Hay, b Nov. 5, 1907
5. Doris Jane Hay, b Jan. 18, 1920
5. Martin Luther Hay, b Oct. 23, 1883
6. Ruth Stephenson Hay, 1884—1885
7. Nellie McKnight Hay, b Mar. 16, 1886  
m—Oct. 9, 1907 Rev. Paul Froelich, son of John of Harrisburg  
In 1920 were in Washington, D. C.

#### *Children 2*

1. Eleanor Hay Froelich, b May 16, 1909
2. Sarah Jane Froelich, b Feb. 29, 1912

8. Mary Hay, b Dec. 26, 1889  
m—Aug. 3, 1917 Charles McKeehan  
Reckord of Harrisburg, b Dec. 26, 1889,  
son of James and Adaline

*Child 1*

1. Frazier Reckord, b Aug. 29, 1919

9. John De Yoe Hay, 1892—1893

5. REV. CHARLES EBERT HAY

b Oct. 8, 1851, Harrisburg, Pa.

Graduated from Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, and Theological Seminary at same place

Taught Academy at Hanover, 2 years. Served Lutheran Churches at Fisherville, Allentown, and Philadelphia. Was general secretary of Lutheran Deaconess Board and pastor of Deaconess Motherhouse at Baltimore, Md., from 1904. Translated a number of German theological works for publication, and wrote a small biography of Martin Luther.

Dr. Hay is the executive head of the Deaconess Motherhouse and Training School. m 1st—May 10, 1881 Florence Eugenia Dole of Huntingdon, Pa., May 31, 1849—1895, Apr. 5, daug. of Rev. Albert Galatin Dole and wife Maria Jeffries

*Child 1*

1. Lillian Jeffries Hay, b Sept. 25, 1882

During the World War she served 19 months in France as a trained nurse

Rev. Hay m 2nd—May 11, 1899 Anna Margaret Kieffer of Lewisburg, b Apr. 3, 1864, daug. of Rev. Ephraim Kieffer and wife Margaret Linn

Live Baltimore, Md.

6. MARY JANE HAY

b June 1, 1853

m—June 30, 1874 Prof. John Andrew Himes, Litt.D. (b McAllisterville, Pa., June 3, 1848), son of Jacob and wife Margaret Kennawell He received the degrees of A.B., Pennsylvania College, 1870; A.M., 1873; A.B., Yale, 1871; Litt.D., Dickinson, 1898

Professor of English Literature and Political Science in Pennsylvania College 1873-1914, and has since been engaged principally in literary work. He was Professor Emeritus of English Literature, Gettysburg College, 1921—1923.

Received honorable mention Sixth Corps Society of the Army of the Potomac.

Author: Study of Milton's "Paradise Lost," 1878; "Paradise Lost" with an introduction and notes on its structure and meaning, 1898; Brief analyses of 12 of Shakespeare's plays.

Live Gettysburg, Pa.

*Children 3*

1. Margaret Rebecca Himes, b July 5, 1875

2. Edwin Hay Himes, 1888—1889

3. Mary Hay Himes, b June 26, 1890

She is librarian of Gettysburg College, formerly called Pennsylvania College

1. MARGARET REBECCA HIMES

m—Nov. 15, 1897 Rev. Julius Frederick Seebach, b in Philadelphia Mar. 10, 1874, son of Julius Christian and wife Sarah Elizabeth

He was baptized by his maternal grandfather, Rev. Henry Weicksel, at that time pastor of the Lutheran Church at Ringtown, Pa.

He was confirmed by Rev. Peter Bergstresser, D.D., at Waynesboro, Pa., from which place he went to receive his education in the College and Seminary at Gettysburg. Graduated from the College with honors 1894; from the Seminary 1897. He was licensed by Maryland Synod Oct. 1896 at Cumberland, Md. Ordained at Washington, D. C., by the same Synod 1897. He took charge at once of St. John's Congregation at Maytown, Pa., remaining until May 31, 1900.

His second charge was St. John's Church, Mahanoy City, Pa., 1900—1907.

He took up the work at Lewisburg, Pa., Nov. 1, 1907, where he remained 5 years. At the close of this pastorate his extensive library and accumulated notes of study were destroyed by fire.

His fourth charge was Hollidaysburg, Pa., Jan. 1, 1913—1919, Oct. 15. On the latter date he resigned and took up his work at Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Philadelphia, Ohio.

He was secretary of East Pennsylvania Synod 4 years; trustee of the Home for Aged, Washington, D. C.; president of the North East Conference of Alleghany Synod; vice president of same Synod; acted as camp pastor at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky.

During his ministry, he was a contributor to the Lutheran Quarterly, Lutheran Observer and Lutheran Young People, several



Presbyterian publications and Bible Society Record.

He is also the author of a volume on the Bible, called "The Book of Free Men," and co-author with his wife of a volume of Reformation stories entitled "The Singing Weaver."

Other volumes are in course of preparation.

*Children 2*

1. Julius Frederick Seebach, Jr.  
b Aug. 29, 1898 at Maytown, Pa.  
Served in France during the World War
2. John Arthur Seebach, b July 8, 1902  
at Mahanoy City, Pa.

7. REV. EDWARD GRIER HAY (OF REV. CHARLES AUGUSTUS)

May 4, 1856—

m 1st—Sept. 16, 1879 Laura Ellen Buchanan of Huntingdon, Pa. (June 16, 1857—1913, Nov. 19), daug. of Washington Buchanan and wife Mary Wise

*Child 1*

1. Edward Buchanan Hay, b June 24, 1881  
m—May 6, 1909 Ida Frees Smith, of Buffalo, N. Y., daug. of Joseph and wife Martha Whilldin

*Child 1*

1. Eleanor Elizabeth Hay, b June 12, 1911

m 2nd—Sept. 23, 1918 Louise Shultze of Utica, N. Y., daug. of Theodore G. L. Shultze and wife Mary Schweikert  
Rev. Hay served at Huntingdon, Pa.; Utica, N. Y.; Pottsville, Pa., and in 1921 at Gallupville, N. Y.

5. JACOB HOKE (OF MARIA DOROTHY SMYSER) 1773—1820. 42—1—19

m—Nancy Krantz (—1860, July 3. 82—7—14), daug. of George

*Children 9*

1. Nancy Hoke, m—David Everhart
2. Catherine Hoke, m—Jeptha Hensel
3. Sarah Hoke, m—John Wolf
4. Jacob Hoke, m—Mary Link
5. Henry Hoke, m—Theresa Lau, daug. of John and Rebecca Spangler
6. John Hoke, m—Mary A. King
7. George Hoke, m—Jane Kendrick
8. Elizabeth Hoke, m—John Eyster, only son of Jacob Eyster

9. Michael Hoke, m—Sarah Bott, daug. of Peter and wife Elizabeth Zeigler

6. SALLIE (SABINA) HOKE

m— 24, 1800 Dr. John Pentz, as found in the York Recorder, published Tuesday 26, 1800, which reads:

"On last Sunday at Abbottstown Dr. John Pentz and Sallie Hoke, daughter of Peter Hoke of Manchester Twp., were married."

8. GEORGE HOKE

Feb. 14, 1785—1849, Aug. 16

m—Susanna Ebert (1788—1871, Oct. 2. 82—9—26), daug. of Martin Ebert and wife Anna Maria Smyser

*Children 8*

1. Michael Hoke, Aug. 16, 1807—1861, Nov. 10
2. Daniel Hoke, Dec. 2, 1809—1883, Aug. 14
3. Peter Hoke, Sept. 9, 1812—1835, Aug. 18
4. Martin Hoke, Apr. 10, 1815—1893, Nov. 1
5. William Hoke, Sept. 10, 1817—1886, May 29
6. George Hoke, Mar. 26, 1820—1822, Mar. 24
7. Mary A. Hoke, Mar. 31, 1822—1848, Mar. 26
8. Susanna Hoke, Sept. 6, 1828—1907, Feb. 9

1. MICHAEL HOKE

Aug. 16, 1807—1861, Nov. 10

m—Catherine Reynolds

1813—1904, Mar 7. 90—10—7

*Children 2*

1. Peter Hoke, Oct. 18, 1850—1865, Mar. 6
2. Lucy Hoke  
m—Dec. 9, 1871 William H. Bott (Jan. 23, 1841—1913, Dec. 22), son of Peter Bott and wife Elizabeth Smyser

*Children 5*

1. Flora K. Bott, lived York  
m—Andrew Willard Smyser, son of Michael D. and Magdalena Menges
2. Harvey H. Bott, July 5, 1875—1876, May 9
3. Minnie M. Bott  
m—George W. Stark, b Feb. 22, 1872, son of F. G. and Alice L. Gitt

*Children 2*

1. William Smyser Stark
2. Louise Alice Stark

4. Lucy E. Bott  
m—Charles A. May, b Oct. 5, 1875,  
son of Noah C. May and wife Rosa  
Galatin

*Child 1*

1. Carl May

5. William E. Bott, m—Susan M.  
Smyser, daug. of Michael and  
Sarah Kauffman

*Children 4*

1. Mary S. Bott  
2. Sarah L. Bott  
3. Lucy Bott  
4. Grace Bott

4. MARTIN HOKE

Apr. 10, 1815—1893, Nov. 1

m—Sarah Ebert (Apr. 25, 1815—1885, Mar.  
10), daug. of Adam Ebert and wife Elizabeth  
Eyster

5. WILLIAM HOKE

Sept. 10, 1817—1886, May 29

Lived York Co.

m—Susan Laucks (1824—1912, Oct. 7. 88—6—  
24), daug. of George Loucks, gr. daug. of John

*Child 1*

1. Lucy Adelia Hoke, lived York Co. and  
York

—1922, June 1

m—Oct. 13, 1870, Silas H. Forry, son of  
Abraham Forry

Silas Herr Forry, Esq., was born Sep-  
tember 26th, 1838, at York, Pa. He was  
the son of Abraham Forry, a prominent  
citizen, who had been elected five times  
to the office of burgess, of York. He  
graduated from the York County Acad-  
emy, and entered the law office of Vin-  
cent K. Keesey, Esq., and on May 28th,  
1861, having passed a creditable ex-  
amination, was admitted to the prac-  
tice of law, in the York County Courts.  
He was one of the organizers of the  
Western National Bank and a director  
therein for a number of years. Subse-  
quently he became a director in the  
Farmers' National Bank, of York, a  
director in the York Electric Railway  
Company, a director in the York Water  
Company. In 1865 he was elected Secre-  
tary and Treasurer of the York County  
Mutual Insurance Company and main-  
tained this position until his death.

Surviving him are his wife and three  
daughters, Mrs. Mary S. Spahr, wife  
of Franklin Spahr, Bessie and Lucy A.  
Forry, also a sister, residing in Lancas-  
ter, Pa., Mrs. Elizabeth A. Piper, widow  
of the late Col. William L. Piper.

Mr. Forry was a member of St Paul's  
Lutheran church, in which at the time  
of his death he was an elder. He was  
one of the oldest practitioners at the  
York bar. As an attorney and coun-  
sellor he was honored and respected by  
the members of the bar and by his  
clients. His superior ability, conserva-  
tive manner and unquestioned integrity  
won for him a large clientage which he  
retained to the end. He was averse to  
useless litigation, always favoring amica-  
ble settlements in all matters; as a conse-  
quence, he was seldom found in the trial  
of cases, his practice being confined to  
the Orphans' Court and office work. His  
cases were not won by art of eloquence,  
but rather by straightforwardness; nei-  
ther passion nor prejudice were ever ap-  
pealed to in order to win a cause, but  
sound legal knowledge and reason, rein-  
forced by honest candor, were the meth-  
ods employed in presenting his cases,  
which were always presented with  
modesty, dignity and self possession.  
His early training, correct judgment and  
systematic research, enabled him to  
create a fund of law that made his  
opinions sought after and respected by  
the legal fraternity as well as others.

In 1890 Mr. Forry received the Re-  
publican nomination for Judge of the  
courts of York county, but was not  
elected, his being the minority party.

In his prime and in the midst of great  
usefulness he has put away his work.  
It was a long fight he undertook against  
the foe that attacked his robust strength,  
but it was a splendid fight he made; "not  
for myself," he said, "but for those I  
love around me."

Silas H. Forry was a man without  
enmities. He was a gentleman without  
reproach, and a Christian without pre-  
tense.



## DEATHS AND BURIALS

### Mrs. Lucy A. Forry

Lucy A. Forry, widow of Silas H. Forry, passed away this morning at 7:45 o'clock at her residence No. 30 South George street, after an illness covering a period of more than one year. Twenty-five years ago, her husband, a leading member of the Bar and one of York's foremost citizens, died.

Mrs. Forry was a consistent member of St. Paul's Lutheran church and for many years took an active interest in its work. She was charitable, but her charity was not of the ostentatious kind. She disliked the word charity and always spoke of any kindness as "just a little remembrance."

Mrs. Forry was the only daughter of William Hoke and Susan Loucks Hoke, who resided at "The Maples" along the Lincoln Highway, and who predeceased her some years ago.

She leaves to survive her three daughters, Mrs. Franklin Spahr, Mrs. Dr. W. S. Eisenhart and Miss Bessie Forry, and four grandchildren.

#### *Children 4*

1. Mary S. Forry
2. Bessie Forry
3. Lucy Adelia Forry
4. William Forry, died infancy

#### 1. MARY S. FORRY

Lives York, corner Philadelphia and Queen Sts. m—Franklin Spahr

## A BRILLIANT WEDDING

The Spahr-Forry Nuptials at St. Paul's Church Last Evening

## A VERY BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY

Church and Bride's Home Handsomely Decorated—A Grand Reception

Last evening the nuptials of Miss Mary S. Forry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas H.

Forry, and Mr. Franklin Spahr, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Spahr, were celebrated in right royal fashion. Out on the street people in the vicinity of George and Beaver streets were well apprised that unusual festivities were to take place, by the cabs that whirled between the church and the home of the bride, from which happy faces could be seen dimly through the dark and the drizzle outside. In St. Paul's church a crowd of expectant people were waiting to see the formal beginning of happiness for two well known young people of York. It was a "green and white wedding;" the pulpit of St. Paul's church bloomed with palms and white chrysanthemums. The audience had not long to wait before Lohengrin was heard from the organ, and forth from the tower door on the northeast corner came the maid of honor, Miss Bessie Forry, sister of the bride, whose dress was of pink silk and chiffon with pearl trimming, followed by the bridesmaids in couples, Misses Lucy Forry; Ethel Hardy, of Norfolk, Va.; Georgie Wilson, of Hellam; Mamie Myers, of York; Mabel Royse, of Hartford, Conn.; Belle Carl, who were all robed in green taffeta silk, white chiffon, wore Mary Antoinette fichus, and carried immense bouquets of white chrysanthemums, tied with green ribbon. These passed down the north aisle to the front vestibule, where they met the bride and her father. Meanwhile the ushers, Messrs. Jacob H. Schall, Walter F. Meyers, C. C. Frick, W. A. Keyworth, W. I. Koller and S. Forry Laucks, with W. Smith Heiges as best man, proceeded down the north aisle from the rear vestibule, and parted on either side, for the rest of the bridal party to pass to the north end of the altar, where the father gave the bride away. At the chancel the party was met by Rev. Dr. W. S. Freas, who united them in the bonds of holy matrimony in accordance with the Lutheran ritual.

Much admiration was bestowed upon the bride, who, ordinarily a handsome young lady, was enhanced in beauty by the circumstances of such an auspicious time. Her carriage was charmingly modest, and yet more composed than would be expected of a less self-contained bride. Her gown was of ivory satin, trimmed with duchess lace. She wore a diamond sunburst, a gift of the groom, and carried a bou-



SUSAN HOKE EISENHART





quet of roses and lilies of the valley tied with a Louis XIV bow.

The reception at the house of the bride, No. 14 South George street, was all that could be desired for elegant adornment, array of dainties and social intercourse. Congratulations poured from the many invited friends, upon the bride, as she stood to receive her guests under a large horse shoe of white chrysanthemums. Free, lively and full of good cheer the talk was, and the refreshments, tastefully prepared by a Baltimore caterer, were thoroughly appreciated. Some fine costuming was to be seen, over and above that of the bridal party. Mrs. Forry, mother of the bride, wore satin brocade, duchess lace and diamonds, etc., etc.

At 10 o'clock, 'mid a shower of rice, the bride and groom entered their carriage to catch the 10:33 train for Harrisburg. Here was initiated a programme which had not been arranged for by those who had the wedding in charge, but was managed and participated in by the Pickwick Club, of which Mr. Spahr has been a member for years. As the first carriage bearing the party reached the square it was joined by a drum corps, which preceded them to the depot and heralded their coming with music, while red light was shown all along the route to the depot. With this party of musicians was carried an illuminated transparency on which were displayed the following: "Behold the Bridegroom Cometh," "The Pickwickers have not forgotten you," "Atlanta is all right, so is New York. Which?" while on the fourth side were two hearts through which Cupid had shot an arrow. Rice was showered upon the couple while waiting at the depot and as the train moved off the air was full of flying rice. The whole affair was one of grandeur and elegance and the newly made man and wife go forth with the best wishes of a host of friends. Among those who were present from a distance were:

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wilden, Mr. and Mrs. Guyner, Mr. Clarence Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Meadler, of Goshen; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Brinton, of Thornburg, Chester county; Mr. and Mrs. John Pearl and Mr. Wm. Pearl, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. John Barnitz, Mr. and Mrs. Newmaker, of Columbus; Dr.

and Mrs. Boll, of St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Buckingham, Miss S. H. Buckingham, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sanders, of Baltimore; Miss Gable, of Stewartstown; Miss Clara Stonebaker and Messrs. James and Harry Stonebaker, of Baltimore; Mrs. Simon and Miss Anna Cobin, of Lebanon, Ky.; Mr. Wm. Levan, Miss Elizabeth Hesser, of Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. Dan, of Pottstown; Miss Bessie Leopold; Mr. Chas. Wilson, of Philadelphia; Mr. Jos. Loucks, Philadelphia, Mr. Wm. Muler, Norfolk; Mr. Milton Bonham, Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Smyser, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Stevens, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kunkle, Harrisburg; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur King, Middletown; Mr. George I. King, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Matthews, Miss Sue Barnitz, Baltimore; Miss Susan Adrion, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. John Spangler, West Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wright, Miss Wright, of Bedford, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Glatfelter, of Spring Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baum, Mrs. James Frey, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bausman, Miss Bausman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lant, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Herr, Mr. Wm. G. Baker, Dr. Myers, Dr. W. M. Baum, Rev. Wm. M. Baum, Jr., all of Lancaster.

2. BESSIE FORRY  
Single

3. LUCY ADELIA FORRY  
Lives York and McClellan Heights  
m—Apr. 7, 1910 Dr. William Schmucker  
Eisenhart

*Children 4*

1. Susan Hoke Eisenhart, b May 19, 1911
2. William Schmucker Eisenhart, b Aug. 17, 1913
3. Silas Forry Eisenhart, b July 11, 1916
4. Lucy Pfahler Eisenhart, b Nov. 8, 1917

ELECT SUSAN EISENHART TO COLLEGE  
FRATERNITY

Miss Susan H. Eisenhart, of York, is one of five members of the junior class of Mount Holyoke college to win the coveted honor of membership in Phi Beta Kappa, according to an announcement made at the chapel exercises yesterday. Membership in this national



honorary scholastic society is open only to those students whose undergraduate work has been of exceptionally high rank. Miss Eisenhart is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William S. Eisenhart, McClellan heights.

Miss Eisenhart was among those to win the title of Sarah Williston scholar during her sophomore year. She has been a member of both her class choir and the college glee club, and is now assistant treasurer of the glee club. Last year she held the position of treasurer of the student government. She also played a part in the junior show produced last fall.

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DR. W. S. EISENHART AND MISS LUCY FORRY  
WED

In one of the most elaborate weddings held in this city for some time, Dr. William Schmucker Eisenhart and Miss Lucy Adelia Forry were married at high noon yesterday at the home of the bride's mother, 30 South George street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Clinton E. Walter, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, of which both bride and groom were active members. The groom is a prominent young dentist of the city and the bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Silas H. Forry. The parlor where the ceremony was performed was handsomely decorated, and promptly at 12 o'clock the bridal party entered, the Lohengrin Wedding march being rendered by Miss Katherine Huttig, of Washington, D. C. The procession was led by the ushers, M. H. Eisenhart, of Rochester, N. Y., brother of the groom, and Adam Glossbrenner, of this city, who carried white ribbons and formed an aisle to the bridal altar. Following them came the flower girl, Miss Katherine Woodruff, of Holyoke, Mass., who carried sweet peas and ferns. Miss Bessie Forry, the sister of the bride, was the maid of honor, and wore a handsome gown of green messaline, with an overdress of white lace

and a large hat of green tulle, trimmed with pink roses. The bride followed, resting on the arm of her brother-in-law, Franklin Spahr. The latter were met at the altar by the bridegroom and Harry W. Eisenhart, of Pittsburgh, who acted as best man.

The bride was attired in a gown of white satin. The bodice was of point lace with embroidered folds of satin, and the overdress was caught with a spray of orange blossoms. A long tulle veil completed the bride's costume, while she carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and white orchids. A diamond pendant, the gift of the bridegroom, was the only article of jewelry worn.

The bride was given away by her mother. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served by Caterer Eckert, of Lancaster. At 1 o'clock a reception was held and largely attended by relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhart. The out of town guests were:

Mrs. E. A. Piper, Lancaster; Mrs. H. C. Croft, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Skiles, Lancaster; Mrs. William Fritz, Dover, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Kilpatrick, New York city; Miss Katherine Huttig, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pfahler, Holyoke, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woodruff, Holyoke, Mass.; Miss Katherine Woodruff, Holyoke, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Pfahler, South Bethlehem; Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Eisenhart, Princeton, N. J.; Miss Lillian Fellows, Bangor, Me., and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Goldsborough, Harrisburg.

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7. MARY A. HOKE (OF GEORGE)  
1822—1848  
Lived West Manchester Twp.  
m—Alexander Smyser (July 10, 1817—1901, June 29), son of Michael Smyser and wife Mary Wolf. No issue
8. SUSANNA HOKE  
1828—1907. Lived York  
m—Alexander Smyser, her brother-in-law  
No issue

# Mary Sabina Smyser

7th Child of Mathias 1st and Anna Catherine

## 7. MARY SABINA SMYSER

Dec. 16, 1750—1820, June 27

Lived York Co. and Lancaster Co.

m—Mar. 16, 1769 John Jacob Swope (June 9, 1744—1811, June 10), 12th child of John Swope and his 2nd wife Elizabeth Graff or Groff

John Jacob Swope and his wife are buried in the graveyard at Salem's (Heller's) Church. He inherited from his father the fine farm on which he lived.

Was a member of Capt. Roland's company of Associators—he associated July 5, 1775, for the defence of American Liberty.

### *Children 9*

1. Catherine Swope, June 25, 1771—1825, Sept. 1  
m—Johns; had a son, Henry S. Johns, who resided in 1857 at Wurtemberg, Lawrence Co.
2. John Swope, Feb. 15, 1773—1778
3. Died infancy
4. Jacob Swope, Nov. 28, 1775—1856
5. George Michael Swope, Feb. 28, 1778—
6. Mathias Swope, Jan. 24, 1780—
7. Elizabeth Swope, Mar. 8, 1782—
8. Emanuel Swope, Jan. 17, 1786—
9. John Frederick Swope, Sept. 17, 1790—

## 4. JACOB SWOPE

Nov. 28, 1775—1856

He inherited his father's farm, bequeathed by his grandfather to his father, on which he lived. His grandfather was John Swope. He also owned a hotel property in Lancaster, called Lancaster County House, which was conducted for some years by his son Levi.

Nearly all of his descendants live in Lancaster Co.

He and his wife are buried in the graveyard of the Lutheran Church at Mechanicsburg, Lancaster Co.

This church was built by the Swope, Bard, and Bare families and then deeded to the congregation.

m—Salome Swope (June 7, 1782—1852, Apr. 30), his full cousin, daug. of John Daniel Swope

### *Children 9*

1. Elizabeth Swope, Dec. 30, 1801—1870, Apr. 17  
She was baptized by Rev. Lockman of the Lutheran Church.  
Died single.
2. Maria Swope, May 2, 1803—1879, Jan. 14  
She was baptized at Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Dec. 20, 1803.  
Her life was passed in Lancaster Co. where she died unmarried.
3. George Michael Swope, May 30, 1805—1873, Apr. 25  
Bachelor.
4. Susanna Swope, Sept. 3, 1808—1815, Apr. 10
5. Levi Swope, Feb. 5, 1811—1851, Feb. 14  
m—Mary Ann Harmen

### *Children 3*

1. Samuel Swope, Nov. 8, 1847—1848, Jan. 25
2. George M. Swope, July 31, 1849—1849, Dec. 21
3. Salome Swope, m—June 12, 1870 Charles H. Kelley at Lancaster.  
Moved to Allegheny.  
Mr. Kelly is a commercial traveller and was secretary of the Commercial Travellers' Protective Association of Pittsburgh.

### *Children 2*

1. Edwin Kelley, b Jan. 8, 1872
2. John L. Kelley, b Sept. 12, 1873



6. Daniel Swope, Aug. 19, 1812—1892, June 30  
b in Womelsdorf and lived in Lancaster over 40 yrs.  
m—Elizabeth Sousman, Aug. 8, 1826—1892, Feb. 3  
For a number of years he manufactured matches  
Also in the pottery business over 30 yrs.  
Member St. John's Lutheran Church  
*Children 3*
1. John C. Swope, July 1, 1849—  
Lived Lancaster, Pa.  
m—Louisa A. Jefferies, Mar. 1, 1857—  
*Children 3*
    1. Edwin H. Swope, b Jan. 28, 1876
    2. Walter F. Swope, b Nov. 16, 1879
    3. James A. Swope, b Aug. 4, 1886
  2. Lydia Ann Swope, Oct. 19, 1853—1855 Apr.
  3. George A. Swope, Mar. 12, 1857—
7. John Swope, 1814—1835  
8. Zuriel Swope, Mar. 16, 1818—  
b in the old home in Leacock Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.  
m—Elizabeth A. Gunkle of Cumberland Co., Pa.  
*Child 1*
1. William Gunkle Swope, Oct. 8, 1857—1864, Mar. 28
- Zuriel Swope taught school in Leacock Twp. in 1838  
He later went to Lancaster to study medicine, but the horrors of the dissecting table drove him from the medical profession.  
In 1844 he entered the law office of Col. Reah Frazer as a student at law, and was admitted to the bar in 1846. For 49 years he practiced his profession and in 1895 retired owing to the infirmities of age.  
He was of an inventive turn of mind and completed not less than 20 inventions, some of them of a practical character.  
The Swope family is indebted to him for preserving the records of the line,

which otherwise would have been lost. His interest began with his efforts to establish the claim of his Swope branch to a fortune left by Dr. John Swope of Virginia, a surgeon of the Revolutionary War. In this he failed, but his interest in the history of his family continued.

For 50 years, during a time when others in Pennsylvania were little interested in such things, ridicule only added incentive to gather to his historical lore.

He was admitted to be the best informed man in the Swope family.

9. Lydia Swope, Apr. 2, 1822—  
m—Aug. 5, 1855 Jacob O. Steinheiser, Oct. 20, 1817—  
Lived in Lancaster

*Children 2*

1. Freemont D. Steinheiser, July 11, 1856  
m—Dec. 23, 1879 Snyder
2. Ada Steinheiser, July 16, 1860—  
m—John Butz

5. GEORGE MICHAEL SWOPE  
Feb. 28, 1778—1816, June 6  
Buried in Salem's church yard  
m—1807 Catherine Knicely, 1783—1831, Oct. 4  
His widow later married a Rush and moved the family to Northumberland Co., Pa., where they were reared

*Children 3*

1. Sophia Swope
2. Adam Swope
3. George Knicely Swope

1. SOPHIA SWOPE  
Sept. 6, 1809—1857, Apr. 13  
m—Dec. 4, 1828 Jacob R. Levan of Kutztown  
Lived in Lancaster after their marriage  
Moved to Milton, Pa., where they remained several years

She was very prepossessing in appearance, refined and intelligent.

Died of consumption and was buried in Lutheran graveyard at Lewisburg, Pa. Later removed to the new cemetery there.

*Child 1*

1. Alfred Graeff Levan, b 1830  
m—Nov. 3, 1853 Mary J. Cooke, daug. of Jacob, a prominent merchant of

Muncy, Pa., descendant of 3 Revolutionary War patriots

After leaving Lewisburg College he clerked for his uncle, G. K. Swope, Muncy, Pa.

In the early fifties he purchased the stock.

Lung trouble soon developed and he went to Clifton Springs, N. Y.

He died Apr. 13, 1857 on his way home from there.

Buried in the cemetery at Lewisburg.

*Child 1*

1. Horace C. Levan, b Feb. 3, 1856, at Muncy

He is the only living descendant of this branch of the Swopes

Having lost his father at such an early age, he was carefully reared by his grandfather Cooke

In 1877 he entered the law office of C. A. Bowers, Esq., as a student, but abandoned law to become the manager of the Muncy Mills of which he was the owner.

During the administration of President Harrison he held a Government office.

He lives with his mother in their pleasant home in Muncy.

2. ADAM SWOPE

Died at 21 yrs. of age from a fall from a load of pumpkins

3. GEORGE KNICELY SWOPE

May 29, 1814—1889, May 29

Died on his 75th birthday

Buried in the cemetery in Lewisburg

He was a student at the Old Kirkpatrick Academy, Milton, Pa.

He also learned the printing business at Milton, under Mr. Henry Frick of the Miltonian.

He made a trip West, the entire trip on horseback.

Member of the Presbyterian Church.

6. MATHIAS SWOPE (OF MARY SABINA SMYSER)  
Jan. 24, 1780—1854, Sept. 1

A few years previous to his death he moved to Ohio and lived near Dayton

m—Sarah Becker

June 5, 1793—1871, Aug. 3

*Children*

1. Harriet Swope, Sept. 13, 1809—1855, Oct. 13

2. Eliza Swope, July 13, 1818—1887, June 28  
m—Cyrus Gebhart, Jan. 27, 1822—1882, Jan 28

They had 8 children and 28 grandchildren; by this time (1930) the number of grand and great-grandchildren has increased to a much larger number

Names of grandchildren unknown

*Children 8*

1. Sarah Gebhart
2. Hattie Gebhart
3. Hiram Gebhart
4. Annie Gebhart
5. Jennie Gebhart
6. Henry Gebhart
7. Ella Gebhart
8. Ida Gebhart

3. Frederick Swope, Sept. 11, 1821—1895, Apr. 9

m—July 28, 1859 Mary L. Stoner, b June 11, 1843

*Children 7*

1. Sarah Swope, Nov. 13, 1860—  
m—Christian Wise
2. Susan Swope, Jan. 11, 1865—1871, Aug. 2
3. Andrew Swope, May 14, 1867—1867, Sept. 20
4. Mary Swope, Jan. 1, 1869—1869, Aug. 17
5. Emma Swope, Sept. 30, 1870—1873, Sept. 12
6. Eliza Swope, b May 17, 1873
7. William Swope, b Oct. 30, 1882



# Elizabeth Swope

## 7th Child of Mary Sabina and John Jacob Swope

### 7. ELIZABETH SWOPE

Mar. 8, 1782—1847, Jan. 11

m—Isaac Hofford

Apr. 20, 1778—1860, Sept. 16

#### *Children 4*

1. John Hofford, Feb. 10, 1815—1841 Aug.

2. Emanuel Hofford, Dec. 27, 1816—1881,  
Jan. 5

Bachelor

3. Mary Hofford, July 4, 1822—1840, June  
20

4. Samuel Hofford, Mar. 17, 1824—

Was still living in Lancaster Co. in 1896

### 1. JOHN HOFFORD

Feb. 10, 1815—1841 Aug.

m—Oct. 25, 1835 Susan Noon, Jan. 6, 1815—

#### *Children 2*

1. Catherine Hofford, Apr. 20, 1837—

m—Oct. 10, 1858 Benjamin F. Cuning-  
ham, Aug. 25, 1839—1876, June 25

#### *Children 5*

1. George Cuningham, Apr. 9, 1860—

2. Samuel Cuningham, Apr. 3, 1862—

3. John Cuningham, July 28, 1863—

4. Susan Cuningham, May 14, 1868—  
m—July 29, 1889 Emanuel Wrin-  
kle, Dec. 24, 1864—

#### *Child 1*

1. Veral E. Wrinkle, b Apr. 17,  
1891—

5. Mary E. Cuningham, Apr. 23,  
1867—

m—Mar. 6, 1892 William Schlagel,  
Oct. 13, 1865—

2. Mary Hofford, Mar. 8, 1840—

### 8. EMANUEL SWOPE (OF MARY SABINA SMYSER)

Jan. 17, 1786—1872, July 2

m—June 18, 1807 Barbara Eby

Jan. 27, 1787—1864, Mar. 9

Emanuel Swope was a farmer and stock  
raiser and experimented in fruit growing

He was a member of Zion's Lutheran Church,  
Mechanicsburg, Lancaster Co., Pa.

During the later years of his life, he devel-  
oped quite a fondness for travelling. He made  
several trips to Canada, where he had landed  
interests.

At one time he was considered the wealthiest  
man in Lancaster Co., but his many benefac-  
tions reduced his wealth to moderate size at  
his death.

#### *Children 2*

1. Isaac Swope

2. Fannie Swope

### 1. ISAAC SWOPE

Dec. 22, 1812—

m 1st—Oct. 1842 Amelia Carothers (—1844)

m 2nd—Sept. 1, 1846 Rachel Ludwig

b Mar. 21, 1824

She survived him—in Lancaster, Pa.

He received from his father a fine farm, fully  
stocked and equipped in every way. On this  
farm he lived until 1857, when he moved to  
Canada to take possession of a farm inherited  
from his grandfather on his mother's side.

Not liking it, he returned to the United  
States the next year.

Later he became a merchant in Lancaster.

Died 1887 and is buried at Zion's Church,  
Mechanicsburg.

By his 1st wife he had one child who died  
in infancy.

#### *Children 5 (2nd wife)*

1. Amelia Swope

2. Rachel Swope

3. Isaac Swope

4. Emanuel Swope, 1853—1883, June 18

5. Barbara Ann Swope, Nov. 10, 1855—  
1890, Jan. 1

### 1. AMELIA SWOPE

Dec. 28, 1847—

m—May 18, 1876 J. Jefferies Ryan

b May 1846—

*Children 3*

1. Isaac Swope Ryan, 1879—1879
2. J. Clifton Ryan, b July 5, 1880
3. Earl Victor Ryan, b Oct. 2, 1886

2. RACHEL SWOPE

b June 5, 1849

m—Oct. 30, 1873 Peter Schgier

Live in Philadelphia

*Children 8*

1. Emma Schgier, 1874—1875
2. Amelia Schgier, b Sept. 26, 1875
3. Annie Schgier, 1877—1877
4. Harry Schgier, b Aug. 27, 1878
5. Minnie Schgier, b May 28, 1880
6. Kate Schgier, b Oct. 5, 1883
7. Mary Schgier, b June 17, 1885
8. Lillie Schgier, 1888—1890

3. ISAAC SWOPE

Mar. 7, 1851—

b on his father's farm in Upper Leacock Twp. Had a varied career. His desire to see the world filled his life with some rather sad experiences, especially in New South Wales, but he found friends when most needed

He remained in Australia to visit the International Exhibition at Melbourne 1881, though he sailed Apr. 14, 1877, from N. Y. for Sidney. No one rendered more valuable assistance in searching out records for the Swope genealogy

2. FANNIE SWOPE (OF EMANUEL)

Oct. 25, 1817—1879, Mar. 14

m—Feb. 2, 1840 John P. Stauffer

Oct. 17, 1817—

Her father gave her a fine farm in Lancaster Co., thoroughly equipped in every department. In 1850 moved to Cumberland Co. He bought a farm near Carlisle

*Children 6*

1. Emanuel Stauffer, 1843—
2. Mary Stauffer, 1847—
3. John Stauffer, 1850—  
m—Kate Emmerson

*Children 5*

1. Fannie Stauffer
  2. John Stauffer
  3. Daniel Stauffer
  4. Charles Stauffer
  5. David Stauffer
4. Groff Stauffer, b July 5, 1879  
Died

5. Slater Stauffer, b 1855

m—Jane Philips

*Children 2*

1. Park Stauffer
  2. Samuel Stauffer
6. Alice Stauffer, b 1859

9. JOHN FREDERICK SWOPE (OF MARY SABINA SMYSER)

Sept. 17, 1790—1853, Nov. 27

He owned a part of the original Swope farm which passed out of the Swope name at his death. m 1st—Mary Bare

*Children 5*

1. David Swope
2. Mary Swope
3. Emanuel Swope
4. Leah Swope
5. Lydia Swope

1. DAVID SWOPE

May 3, 1813—1887

m—June 30, 1835 Rebecca Knox Corfield, daug. of Edward Dixon, a prominent lawyer, mayor of Northern Liberties, Philadelphia Active member of the Old Union Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia. He was trustee and class leader over 25 yrs.

In 1878 he left the Methodist Episcopal Church and connected himself with St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church He was in the wholesale grocery business; retired from business in 1863

m—Mar. 17, 1862 Eliza F. West

*Child 1*

1. Frederick Emanuel Swope, b in Philadelphia Mar. 24, 1836  
m 1st—Josephine Simpson, daug. of James, a retired Quaker merchant who had been in South American trade He was in general commission business until 1869, when he moved to Delta, York Co.

In 1874 he went into real estate

m 2nd—Jan. 29, 1896 Katherine Good, daug. of James Poyntsett Merkins of Philadelphia

*Children 5 (1st wife)*

1. Sallie H. Swope, dec.
2. Rebecca C. Swope, dec.
3. Daniel Swope, b Apr. 25, 1865  
m—Nov. 1888 Gertrude C. Walmsbey



*Children 4*

1. Helen Walmsbey Swope
2. Ethel Swope
3. Christian Swope
4. Horace Swope
4. Josephine Swope, dec.
5. Frederick Emanuel Swope, b Feb. 9, 1875

He is connected with the German American Title and Trust Co., of Philadelphia

2. MARY SWOPE

May 5, 1814—1875, Jan. 6  
m—Oct. 18, 1838 Elias Bare  
Aug. 7, 1815—1877, Oct. 23

*Children 8*

1. Adam S. Bare, b Nov. 4, 1839, twin  
m—Mar. 17, 1862 Eliza F. West

*Children 7*

1. Martha West Bare
2. Harry Bare
3. Charles Bare
4. Mary Bare
5. Alfred C. Bare
6. Horace Bare
7. Florence W. Bare
2. Sarah Ann Bare, Nov. 4, 1839, twin
3. Mary Bare, July 25, 1841—  
m—Sept. 19, 1867 Reuben B. Thomas
4. Anne E. Bare, June 29, 1844—  
m—Aug. 12, 1871 W. Lewis Clark who  
was drowned in the Johnstown flood,  
1889
5. Henry Bare, b Apr. 29, 1849  
m—Oct. 21, 1873 Clara L. Walmer  
Live New York City
6. Juliana Bare, July 25, 1846—  
m—Oct. 29, 1891 B. Hunter McClees
7. Elias Bare, b July 18, 1851  
m—Oct. 20, 1879 Emily M. Brodie  
Live Philadelphia

*Children 2*

1. Edward B. Bare, 1881—1890
2. Harry B. Bare, 1883—1890
8. Lydia Emma Bare, b Apr. 14, 1853  
m—William L. Lippincott  
Live Philadelphia

3. EMANUEL SWOPE

Oct. 10, 1815—1895, Apr.  
m—Mar. 18, 1845 Catherine Bare  
Sept. 13, 1824

Moved about and the last 19 yrs. lived in Lancaster, Pa.

Buried Zion's Church graveyard, Mechanicsburg, Lancaster Co., Pa.

*Child 1*

1. Grabill B. Swope, b May 2, 1847 at Baresville, Lancaster Co.  
He was in the Civil War in Capt. P. L. Sprecker's Company  
After the war he attended State Normal School at Millersville, Pa.  
In 1879 moved to Lancaster, where he was a salesman until his death, Jan. 27, 1894  
Buried Mechanicsburg  
m—Nov. 1, 1866 Emma Bentz, b Nov. 5, 1846

*Child 1*

1. Amelia Swope, 1867—1888

4. LEAH SWOPE

Oct. 4, 1817—1884, July 2  
m—Jan. 6, 1842 Michael Bender  
Apr. 26, 1814—1888, Mar. 17

*Children 7*

1. Elizabeth Bender, June 1, 1843—  
m—Sept. 29, 1869 Edwin M. Lebkeicher  
Live Philadelphia
- Children 4*
  1. Edwin B. Lebkeicher, b May 15, 1874
  2. Albert E. Lebkeicher, b May 8, 1876
  3. Walter Lebkeicher, b Mar. 31, 1882
  4. Edith Lebkeicher, b Sept. 25, 1883
2. Mary Ann Bender, 1844—1854
3. Annie L. Bender, 1846—1886, Jan. 29
4. Catherine Bender, Aug. 9, 1848—  
m—May 5, 1894 Harry Brown
5. Albert Swope Bender, 1850—1855
6. Leah F. Bender, Aug. 21, 1852—
7. Lydia E. Bender, b Nov. 14, 1855  
m—Apr. 8, 1886 Richard C. Stofer  
Live Norwich, N. Y.

*Children 3*

1. Michael W. Stofer, b May 25, 1887
2. Harold J. Stofer, died infancy
3. Helen Stofer, b Jan. 7, 1891

5. LYDIA SWOPE

Dec. 10, 1819—1870, Mar. 23  
m—Jan. 18, 1844 Andrew Bard  
Jan. 2, 1819—1863, Oct. 12

*Child 1*

1. Annie E. Bard, b Jan. 7, 1845  
m—Feb. 4, 1872 John A. Buller  
Live Maytown, Lancaster Co., Pa.

*Children 3*

1. Benjamin F. Buller, b Dec. 2, 1872
2. Blanche M. Buller, b Oct. 20, 1874
3. Edward Bard Buller, b Nov. 26, 1877

9. JOHN FREDERICK SWOPE (OF MARY SABINA SMYSER)—Continued  
m 2nd—Elizabeth Bard, daug. of John of Lancaster, Pa.

*Children 2*

1. Susanna Swope, June 4, 1824—1887, May 28  
m—Dec. 4, 1845 Edward Jacobs, b May 2, 1828  
Live Philadelphia

*Children 8*

1. Elizabeth A. Jacobs, Oct. 3, 1846—  
m—Nov. 25, 1868 J. Ely Esbenshade

*Children 2*

1. Lillian M. Esbenshade, Sept. 23, 1869—
2. Mary E. Esbenshade, Jan. 19, 1877—
2. Sarah A. Jacobs, 1848—1865, Feb. 19
3. Sanford Swope Jacobs, Oct. 5, 1850—  
m 1st—Nov. 19, 1884 Anna L. Brooks; died 1887. No issue  
m 2nd—Jan. 9, 1890 Ada B. Hershey
4. George E. Jacobs, Oct. 14, 1853—1855, Aug. 31
5. Mary E. Jacobs, Jan. 18, 1856—  
m—Nov. 1876 Henry M. Kennedy  
Live at Gap, Lancaster Co.

*Children 7*

1. William J. Kennedy, Nov. 1877
2. Mary Ida Kennedy, dec.
3. Edward Kennedy
4. Susan F. Kennedy
5. Henry Kennedy
6. James Kennedy, twin
7. Mary Kennedy, twin
6. Susan I. Jacobs, June 27, 1858—1877, Nov. 11

7. Dora E. Jacobs, Feb. 10, 1860—1895, Feb. 20

m—Oct. 1889 George R. Goodman

*Children 2*

1. Edward Goodman, b May 15, 1891
2. Marjorie Goodman, b Mar. 2, 1893
8. Edward E. Jacobs, Oct. 27, 1862—  
m—Apr. 11, 1888 Catherine Davidson

*Child 1*

1. Helen Jacobs, July 22, 1892—

2. HENRY SWOPE

Aug. 26, 1825—1890, Dec. 15

m—May 1849 Anna E. Minich

b Nov. 5, 1826

*Children 9*

1. Jacob Minich Swope, 1850—1871
2. Frederick Swope, b Dec. 8, 1851  
m—Feb. 13, 1872 Ellen L. Brown, b Jan. 1, 1857  
Live New Holland, Lancaster Co.

*Children 11*

1. Walter S. Swope, b Nov. 17, 1872
2. Charles M. Swope, 1874—1874
3. William Swope, 1875—1878
4. Ann E. Swope, 1876—1880
5. Edward Swope, 1879—1880
6. David Swope, b Feb. 26, 1880
7. Harry C. Swope, b Mar. 12, 1882
8. Clarence B. Swope, b Apr. 9, 1884
9. Ellie M. Swope, b May 11, 1886
10. Gertie Swope, b Aug. 9, 1888
11. Frederick Swope, b June 2, 1890
3. Henry Swope, Nov. 4, 1853—
4. Annie E. Swope, b June 10, 1856  
m—July 25, 1878 Hiram D. Bucks, b Mar. 4, 1856  
Live Glenola, Lancaster Co.

*Children 6*

1. Henry A. Bucks, b Jan. 8, 1879
2. Ida M. Bucks, b Sept. 17, 1880
3. Franklin S. Bucks, b Feb. 28, 1883
4. Clarence S. Bucks, b Apr. 3, 1886
5. David H. Bucks, b Jan. 6, 1889
6. Howard S. Bucks, b Jan. 3, 1895
5. Milton Swope, b Dec. 17, 1858  
m—Mar. 5, 1884 Ruth A. Renner, b June 10, 1856  
Live Galt, Iowa



### *Children 2*

1. Clarence G. Swope, b June 2, 1886
2. Ray B. Swope, b Nov. 25, 1893
6. Albert Swope, b Apr. 22, 1861  
Lives Glenola, Pa.
7. George Swope, 1864—1869
8. Ida Swope, 1856—1868
9. David Swope, b Mar. 26, 1859  
m—Apr. 30, 1892 Laura I. Deissinger, b  
Apr. 22, 1870  
Live Glenola, Pa.

### *Children 2*

1. Martin Luther Swope, b Nov. 13,  
1892
2. Anna M. Swope, b Aug. 10, 1894

## EICHELBERGER FAMILY

In Germany in Ittlingen near Sinsheim, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, now in the Republic of Germany, lived John and Maria Barbara Eichelberger. Their son, Philip Frederick Eichelberger, was born Apr. 17, 1693. On Nov. 11, 1714, he was married to Anna Barbara Doerners.

May 11, 1728, he received testimonials for honorable standing. On June 22, 1728, he, his wife and four children embarked on The Albany and sailed from Rotterdam, Holland; Captain Lazarus Oxham, master. They landed in Philadelphia Sept. 4 of the same year.

September 4, 1743, he received a land warrant for 175 acres in Manheim Twp., now York Co. He took his family there. Cleared and cultivated the land, built a home, and prospered to such an extent he secured two other grants of land, one in same twp. and one in Conestoga Twp.

In Apr. 1761 he purchased a warrant from Conrad Low for 220 acres in Manheim Twp. Died Sept. 19, 1776, aged 83 years, 5 months, 2 days. Rests in old historic burying grounds one mile north of Hanover.

Children by his 1st wife:

1. JOHN MARTIN EICHELBERGER
2. JOHN FREDERICK EICHELBERGER
3. ANNA MARGARET EICHELBERGER  
m—Vincent Keefer
4. ANNA BARBARA EICHELBERGER  
m—Andrew Hoke
5. ELIZABETH EICHELBERGER  
m—Jacob Smyser

## FAMILY RECORD

Of Philip Frederick Eichelberger, who was born in Ittlingen, near Sinsheim, Germany, Apr. 17, 1693; his parents' names were John and Maria Barbara. He was married Nov. 11, 1714, to Anna Barbara Doerners.

They had five children, namely: John Martin, Anna Margaret, John Frederick, Anna Barbara, and Elizabeth.

In 1728 he married his second wife, in this country, and they had six children, namely: Adam, Leonard, Jacob, , , and Lewis who died in Hanover, aged 83 years, 6 months, 2 days.

Adam Eichelberger, May 9, 1739—1787, Dec. 9, was a stout, lusty man about six feet tall, with light blue eyes. He weighed over 200 pounds.

His wife, Magdalena Bechtel, was born Dec. 5, 1743. Died 1821, Dec. 30.

Their children (8): Frederick, Michael, Elizabeth, Samuel, Adam, Sarah, Susanna, and Joseph.

Samuel Eichelberger was born in Heidelberg Twp., York Co., Pa. (Jan. 5, 1769—1828, Apr. 22.) Married Aug. 2, 1790 Catherine Smyser, born in West Manchester Twp. (Feb. 27, 1772—1841, Feb. 6, Heidelberg Twp.)

Samuel Eichelberger had black eyes and a rather dark complexion.

### *Children 10*

1. JOHN ADAM S. EICHELBERGER  
Nov. 26, 1791—1818, Jan. 2
2. MARY MAGDALENA S. EICHELBERGER  
Dec. 1, 1793, speechless
3. MARY CATHERINE S. EICHELBERGER  
Nov. 9, 1796—1798, Feb. 23
4. LOUISA S. EICHELBERGER  
Dec. 5, 1798—1802, June 9
5. SAMUEL S. EICHELBERGER  
Mar. 6, 1801—
6. SUSANNA S. EICHELBERGER  
Oct. 9, 1803—
7. ELIZABETH S. EICHELBERGER  
Jan. 8, 1806—
8. JACOB S. EICHELBERGER  
Mar. 9, 1808—
9. ANNA CATHERINE S. EICHELBERGER  
Oct. 2, 1810—1830, Feb. 2
10. LYDIA S. EICHELBERGER  
June 20, 1814—

(No doubt the S in all the names stands for Smyser.)

# Elizabeth Smyser

## 8th Child of Mathias 1st and Anna Catherine

### 8. ELIZABETH SMYSER

Mar. 21, 1753—1817, Jan. 26  
m—1775 Leonard Eichelberger  
Aug. 12, 1750—1811, Feb. 14

#### *Children 10*

1. Jacob Eichelberger, 1776—1831, June 17
2. Mary M. Eichelberger, Jan. 22, 1778—
3. Sarah Eichelberger, Apr. 1781—
4. Frederick Eichelberger, Aug. 24, 1783—
5. George M. Eichelberger, Feb. 11, 1785—
6. John Eichelberger, Feb. 5, 1787—
7. Elizabeth Eichelberger, Mar. 3, 1789—
8. Lydia Eichelberger, Nov. 7, 1792—
9. Susan Eichelberger, 1794—
10. Catherine Eichelberger, Apr. 6, 1796—  
1810, Aug. 12, drowned

Leonard Eichelberger lived Monaghan Twp.  
He was an innkeeper  
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York, Pa.

### 1. JACOB EICHELBERGER

1776—1831, June 17  
Lived York

At one time he was sheriff of the county.  
Member of the Legislature 1809. Justice of  
the peace 1829

m—the widow Musser, née Elizabeth Dinkle,  
granddaug. of Baron John Daniel Dinkle  
—1832, Oct. 9

#### *Children 3*

1. Eliza Eichelberger, Oct. 9, 1807—1895,  
June 6
2. Catherine Eichelberger, 1809—
3. Maria Eichelberger, 1812—

### 1. ELIZA EICHELBERGER

Lived York and Dillsburg, Pa.

m—Mar. 8, 1827 Dr. George L. Shearer, b  
Mar. 21, 1801 near Littlestown, Pa.; died  
June 4, 1878 at Dillsburg

He graduated in medicine, University of  
Maryland, 1825

His practice extended 140 miles around  
Dillsburg.

He was a very progressive business man  
in regard to local affairs.

Four years after his death his widow  
moved to York where she was born and died.

#### *Children 10*

1. Jacob Eichelberger Shearer, 1828—1828
2. Susan Elizabeth Shearer
3. James Mitchell Shearer, Dec. 25, 1833—  
1881, Dec. 14
4. George Lewis Shearer, Oct. 16, 1835—
5. Frederick Eichelberger Shearer, Mar. 27,  
1838—
6. Maria Henrietta Shearer, Apr. 5, 1840—
7. Niles Harrison Shearer, Mar. 29, 1842—
8. Juliette Shearer, Jan. 1844—
9. Catherine Louisa Shearer, 1846—1846
10. Edgar Y. Shearer, May 19, 1848—

### 3. JAMES MITCHELL SHEARER, M.D.

Received the A.B. degree in 1853, and A.M.  
in 1856, from Dickinson College. From the  
University of Pennsylvania, M.D. in 1857  
Practiced in Dillsburg

He was appointed examining surgeon for  
York Co. during the Civil War. Became act-  
ing assistant at the United States Hospital  
in York.

Later he resumed his practice in Dillsburg.  
m—1857 Georgia Cowen of Elmira, N. Y.

No issue

He died Dec. 14, 1881

### 4. GEORGE LEWIS SHEARER, D.D.

In 1857 he received the degree of A.B. from  
Lafayette College. A.M. in 1860, and D.D.  
in 1883

He graduated from Princeton Theological  
Seminary 1864, and was ordained Oct. 1865  
by the 2nd Philadelphia Presbytery

He was connected with the United States  
Christian Commission and rendered service  
on many battlefields in Virginia.



He organized schools for the contraband in Washington, D. C. He did many other things, among them he was one of the founders of the Presbyterian Union of New York.

He was a trustee of Lafayette College; vice president of the Evangelical Alliance.

m—Dec. 27, 1865 to Mary L. W. Kitcham of Clyde, N. Y.

Lived in New York City

*Children 8*

1. Mary Young Shearer, New York City
2. Elizabeth Shearer, New York City
3. Leander Y. Shearer, New York City
4. Edith Shearer, New York City
5. George Shearer, New York City
6. Catherine Shearer, New York City
7. Conway Wing Shearer, New York City
8. Margaret Shearer, New York City

5. FREDERICK EICHELBERGER SHEARER, D.D.

Mar. 27, 1838—

Graduated from Princeton University in 1864; received degrees of A.B. and A.M. from that institution

Graduated from the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., in 1866. Received the degree of D.D. from Highland University of Kansas in 1886

He was licensed by the Presbytery of Huntingdon at Clearfield, Pa., in 1865; ordained in 1866, Long Island Presbytery.

Located Southampton, N. Y., 1867—1870.

He became stated clerk of the New York Presbytery, with offices at No. 156 Fifth Ave. m—1866 to Katherine Baker Russell of Lancaster, Pa.

*Children 6*

1. Louisa Russell Shearer
2. George Louis Shearer
3. Kitty Shearer
4. Anna Dampert Shearer
5. Frederick Eichelberger Shearer, Jr.
6. Margery Shearer

6. MARIA HENRIETTA SHEARER

Apr. 5, 1840—1882, Apr. 20

Lived York, Pa., and Baltimore, Md.

m 1st—1865 Ensign William Logan Dyson, U. S. Navy

He died 1866

m 2nd—E. S. Wagoner of Mechanicsburg, Pa.

*Child 1*

1. Logan Dyson
- Maria Henrietta Shearer graduated from

Cottage Hill College, York, with high honors in 1858

7. NILES HARRISON SHEARER

Mar. 29, 1842—

He received the degrees of A.B. and M.D. from the University of Maryland in 1864. From Dickinson College, A.M. in 1867

He was with the Medical Department of the U. S. Army 1864—1866. In the latter year he took charge of one of the oldest drug stores in York. His brother E. Y. was associated with him.

He was a director and secretary for over 30 years of the First National Bank of York. m—June 30, 1887 Mary Keyworth

*Children 4*

1. George Keyworth Shearer
2. Bessie Louise Shearer, dec.
3. Juliette Ursula Shearer
4. Niles Harrison Shearer, Jr.

8. JULIETTE GAMBRILL SHEARER

Jan. 7, 1844—

Graduated from Cottage Hill College in 1860.

Received the degree of M.D. from Howard University, Washington, D. C., in 1881

She held a responsible position in the U. S. Treasury

10. EDGAR YOUNG SHEARER

Mar. 19, 1848—

Graduated from Dickinson College; 1870 received degree of A.M. from same college. Ph.D. from New College of Pharmacy 1873. Was a druggist in New York City 1870—1896, then came to York and was with his brother Niles H.

He was a great traveller

2. CATHERINE EICHELBERGER (OF JACOB)

1809—1885 Jan.

Lived Carlisle, Pa.

m—Enoch Young. No issue

3. MARIA EICHELBERGER

1812—

Lived Gettysburg, Pa.; St. Louis, Mo.

m—1836 to James McCosh

*Children 2*

1. George McCosh, M.D., St. Louis, Mo.
- m—Isabella Shearer

*Child 1*

1. Genevieve McCosh, St. Louis, Mo.
2. Lida McCosh, m—Arthur Clark

*Children 3*

1. Myra Clark
2. Arthur Clark
3. Frederick Eichelberger Clark

2. MARY M. EICHELBERGER (OF ELIZABETH SMYSER)

1778—1829, Oct. 16

Lived in York Co. near Dillsburg

m—Bernard Welty

1774—1856, Apr. 1

*Children 7*

1. Daniel Welty, lived Dillsburg, Pa.  
m—Sophia Livas

*Children 7*

1. Julia Welty, m—Charles Wilson
2. Mary Welty, m—Joseph Hobbs
3. Sophia Welty, m—James Granger
4. Harriet Welty, m—James Wheeler
5. Frank Welty, m—Margaret Reid
6. Eichelberger Welty, m—Melissa Ayler

7. Ollie Welty, m—Joseph Hobbs

2. Eliza Welty, lived Dillsburg, Pa.  
m—Joseph Wise

*Children 2*

1. Felix Wise
2. Imogene Wise
3. Mary Welty, lived Dillsburg, Pa.  
m—Frederick Black. No issue
4. Jacob Welty, lived Dillsburg, Pa.  
m—Elizabeth Hannagan
5. William Welty
6. Joseph Welty, lived Dillsburg, Pa.  
m—Barbara Troxell

*Children 3*

1. Anna Welty
2. Mary Welty
3. Juliette Welty

7. James Welty

Leonard Eichelberger's farm and home place, called "Wheatfield," is still owned and occupied by his descendants. His daughters all lived in or near to Dillsburg

3. SARAH EICHELBERGER

1781—1830

Lived Dillsburg, Pa.

m—Frederick Welty

Mar. 12, 1779—1877, Apr. 28

He is a brother of Bernard Welty; the brothers married sisters

*Children 6*

1. Jeremiah Welty, died infancy
2. Eliza Welty, died infancy
3. Levi Welty
4. Kezia M. Welty, m—James W. Blair  
No issue
5. Caroline E. Welty, single
6. Lydia A. Welty, m—Jacob Coover

*Children 6*

1. Sarah Eichelberger Coover
2. Marrett Coover, m—Victorine Roundfoot

*Children 3*

3. Frederick Welty Coover, m—Elizabeth

*Children 2*

4. Ella May Coover, m—John N. Logan

*Children 6*

5. Laura V. Coover
6. Jacob George Coover

4. FREDERICK EICHELBERGER

Aug. 24, 1783—1836

He was distinguished for his pleasant, courteous manner and for his stylish mode of dress, which earned for him from his associates the name, "Gentleman Frederick"

m—1808 Catherine Baker of Pequea, Lancaster Co., Pa., 1782—1869. 87 yrs.

Moved to Frederick, Md.

He was a member of the state militia, a captain who formed his own company. He was soon promoted to colonel, which position he easily graced by his soldierly bearing and distinguished manners

Though a colonel, he was more of a statesman. In 1815—1816—1817 he served his district as assemblyman at the state capital.

In 1819—1823—1829 he was a state senator.

He died at 53 years. He is buried at Dillsburg. His widow survived him thirty-three years. No issue

5. GEORGE M. EICHELBERGER

Feb. 11, 1784—1854, Jan. 16

Moved to Frederick, Md.

He was register of wills 3 years

m—Nov. 1813 to Jane Grayson

1795—1870, Feb. 2

*Children 8*

1. Ann Elizabeth Eichelberger, 1814—
2. Lydia Eichelberger, died infancy
3. Niles Eichelberger, 1819—1841, bachelor



4. Grayson Eichelberger, Aug. 8, 1821—1870
5. Margaret Eichelberger, Mar. 7, 1824—
6. Harvey Eichelberger, 1826—1892, Feb. 23
7. William Allen Eichelberger, 1827—1862, Aug. 30
8. Mary Jane Eichelberger, Sept. 5, 1828—1860

1. ANN ELIZABETH EICHELBERGER  
1814—

Lived Baltimore, Md.

m—Jan. 1836 to Charles A. Gambrill

*Children 5*

1. Jane Gambrill, Mar. 1837—1864  
m—Robert Tyson. No issue
2. Louisa Gambrill, 1838—1892  
Lives Baltimore, Md.  
m—Dec. 24, 1874 Patrick H. McGill  
No issue
3. Albert Gambrill, 1846—1900  
Lived Baltimore, Md.  
m—Laura Webb

*Children 5*

1. Albert Gambrill, Jr., 1875—  
Lived Baltimore, Md.  
m—1898 to Nannie Coulter  
A son born 1900
2. Laura Gambrill, 1878—
3. Louisa Gambrill, 1880—
- 4 and 5, Mary and Ethel, died infancy
4. Mary Gambrill, 1847—1865, July 16
5. Richard A. Gambrill, 1848—1890  
Lived Baltimore, Md.  
m—1889 to Anna Van Nest

*Child 1*

1. Richard Gambrill, July 11, 1890—

4. GRAYSON EICHELBERGER  
1821—1870

Lived Frederick, Md.

m—May 21, 1844 Amanda Baugher  
July 13, 1822—1885, July 24

*Children 8*

1. Ella Virginia Eichelberger, b Mar. 9, 1845
2. Francis Marion Eichelberger, Aug. 20, 1846—1875  
m—June 19, 1873 Cornelius H. Hill  
No living issue
3. Edward Shriver Eichelberger, b June 16, 1856, Frederick, Md.  
m—June 28, 1894 Miriam Gray, b 1869

*Children 2*

1. Margaret Grayson Eichelberger, b Sept. 18, 1896
  2. Edward Gray Eichelberger, b June 10, 1900
  4. Byrd G. Eichelberger, 1860—, Baltimore, Md.  
m—June 3, 1900 Lorella Dangerfield Faunt Le Roy
  5. Effie Grace Eichelberger, Jan. 15, 1865—
  6. Edmund W. Eichelberger
  7. Charles B. Eichelberger
  8. William J. Eichelberger
5. MARGARET EICHELBERGER  
1824—1893, Sept. 12  
Lived Baltimore  
m—July 1847 John T. Woodside

*Children 2*

1. William S. Woodside, 1850—1897, Aug. 15  
m—Jessie Coulter. No issue
2. Margaret S. Woodside, Baltimore, Md.  
m—Albion J. Corning

*Children 4*

1. John W. Corning, b 1873  
Lives Boston, Mass.
  2. Charles Corning, twin, b 1880
  3. Albion J. Corning, Jr., twin, b 1880  
Lives Baltimore  
m—Hannah Barclay
  4. Margaret Corning, b 1884
6. HARVEY EICHELBERGER  
1826—1893, Feb. 23

His motto seemed to be "Go West"

The discomforts or loneliness of the life seemed not to daunt him

He went to California 1849. Moved to Oregon, where he lived in the mountains with one man nearly 20 years; then came east to visit his home

To Texas, then to Frederick, Md., where in a few years he died, 1893, a bachelor

7. WILLIAM ALLEN EICHELBERGER

Enlisted in the Civil War as a sailor; was on board the San Jacinto when Capt. Wilkes captured Mason and Slidell, the Confederate Commissioners

Later he enlisted in the Regular Army and, in the 2nd battle of Bull Run in Aug. 1862, he was killed, having both legs shot away

8. MARY JANE EICHELBERGER

1828—1860

Lived Frederick, Md.

m—Feb., 1847 Dr. Jerminham Boone

*Children 6*

1. Jerminham Boone, Jr., 1848—1898  
Bachelor
2. Jane Boone, 1849—  
Buckeyestown, Md., single
3. Nancy Boone, 1850—1852
4. Robert Boone, Apr. 30, 1854—1878,  
Mar. 14
5. Katie Boone, 1856—  
m—1894 William Stonebraker  
Lived Washington, D. C.
6. Margaret Boone

6. JOHN EICHELBERGER (OF ELIZABETH SMYSER)

Feb. 5, 1787—

Like his brother he was quite a politician.  
Ran for the Legislature 1821—1823 on a  
ticket called the Winstee, last time against  
his brother-in-law, Daniel Bailey

The party bitterness engendered disgusted  
John, so that, though he was urged to run  
again, he refused

In 1825 and 26 he was elected assemblyman

He was a justice of the peace

Lived Dillsburg, Pa.

He died in 1833

m—Maria—

*Children 2*

1. John Eichelberger, Jr., 1817—  
Lived Monaghan Twp.  
He was called Monaghan John to dis-  
tinguish him from his brother. Was a  
justice of the peace. Was in the state  
assembly
2. John Alexander Eichelberger, 1819—  
Lived York Co., Philadelphia and Mary-  
land  
m—1838 Elenora Talbert Chambers  
In 1855 moved to Eugene, Ind., where  
he was a merchant  
He enlisted in the Civil War, Company  
K, 97th Regiment of Indiana Volun-  
teers. He was not accepted, being over  
age. In 1864 he moved to Terre Haute,  
Ind., where he lived until his death in  
1870

*Children 8*

1. William Chambers Eichelberger,  
M.D., b July 19, 1840

m—Jan. 16, 1877 Octavia Burnett

*Child 1*

1. Harry Burnett, July 4, 1879—  
1888, July 18

Dr. William Chambers Eichelberger  
served in the medical department  
of the U. S. Army as a Medical  
Cadet 1861—1863, Sept.

On duty 1 month, 16th Regiment,  
New York Volunteer Infantry. He  
was transferred to that Regiment  
from Fairfax Street Hospital—then  
back to Fairfax Street Hospital,  
all in Alexandria, Va.

His entire service was connected  
with the Army of the Potomac.

General practice Eugene, Ind.;  
now special practice, eye and ear,  
Terre Haute, Ind. He gave his  
services for the Eichelberger gene-  
alogy.

2. John Stephen Eichelberger, July  
26, 1843—

Lived Terre Haute, Ind.

m—Dec. 15, 1869 Georgiana Mon-  
roe

*Children 3*

1. William Chambers Eichelber-  
ger, 1889—1896
2. Frank Chambers Eichelberger,  
Terre Haute
3. Hallie Chambers Eichelberger,  
Terre Haute

Living with their widowed mother.  
John Stephen Eichelberger was also  
in the Civil War, as a soldier. Won  
the same distinction or recognition.  
He was a brave man

3. James A. Eichelberger, July 25,  
1846—

He was in the Civil War, 33rd Indi-  
ana Volunteer Infantry. He was  
in the Military Home at Danville,  
Ill. Bachelor

4. Charles Stansbury Eichelberger, b  
June 1, 1856 in Eugene, Ind.

m—Mary Grace, —1897

He was accidentally killed in 1896  
No living issue



5. Arnold P. Eichelberger, 1858—  
Lived Terre Haute, Ind. m—Clark  
*Child 1*  
1. Charles S. Eichelberger,  
1882—  
6, 7, and 8—no record

7. ELIZABETH EICHELBERGER (OF LEONARD)  
Mar. 3, 1789—  
m—1809 Henry Richenbaugh  
She died when she was 20 years old, shortly  
after her marriage  
8. LYDIA EICHELBERGER  
Nov. 7, 1792—1842  
Lived Dillsburg, Pa.  
m—Daniel Bailey, 1791—  
He was quite a politician. He figured prin-  
cipally as the candidate for the Legislature in  
1825 on the regular ticket. He was defeated

*Children 2*

1. Infant daughter
2. Frederick Eichelberger Bailey  
He was the pride and comfort of his  
parents. Graduated from the College at  
Gettysburg, Pa.  
m—1845 Matilda Doudel

*Children 2*

1. Daniel Bailey, Jr., died at 20 yrs.  
He served during the Civil War,  
Company G, 12th Regiment, Penn-  
sylvania Reserves; was wounded in  
the battle of Gaines Mills, before  
Richmond, Va., from the effects of  
which he died six weeks later, Aug.  
1862

2. Sarah Lydia Bailey  
She was the last living representa-  
tive of Leonard Eichelberger and  
his wife Elizabeth Smyser to be  
found at Dillsburg, York Co.

Mrs. Matilda Doudel-Bailey, —1894,  
Mar. 29

m 2nd—Dec. 11, 1856 Levi Welty; b  
Jan. 21, 1811; died 1892, Apr. 8

No issue

9. SUSAN EICHELBERGER  
1794—  
Lived York  
m—Lewis Shearer

## Anna Maria Smyser

### 9th Child of Mathias 1st and Anna Catherine

9. ANNA MARIA SMYSER  
Nov. 10, 1757—1833, Mar. 29  
m—Martin Ebert. July 4, 1750—1814  
Lived West Manchester Twp.  
*Children 8*  
1. George Ebert, Mar. 4, 1778—  
2. Martin Ebert, Mar. 10, 1780—1854,  
Dec. 4  
3. Daniel Ebert, July 12, 1781—  
4. Adam Ebert, Mar. 22, 1782—  
5. Michael Ebert  
6. Susan Ebert, Dec. 1788—1871, Oct. 2.  
82 yrs.  
7. Helena Ebert  
8. Anna Maria Ebert, Dec. 1797—  
Ref.: Book N—140—1814.

Centennial Celebration of Smyser's  
purchase of a farm in 1745.

May 3, 1845, page 14 for their  
children.

Will of Anna Maria (Smyser) Ebert,  
1833, widow of Martin, Sr., mentions  
her daughter as having since her father's  
death married Henry Sell. Wills her  
800. Residue to all her children.

2. MARTIN EBERT  
1780—1854  
m—Mary Eichelberger, daug. of Michael and  
wife Catherine Martin  
Bequeathed all his property to his wife. There  
was a legal battle, but the will remained  
intact. Gibson's History York Co., page 449

3. DANIEL EBERT

m—Susan Ernst, daug. of John Ernst and wife Elizabeth Kroll of Reading, Pa.

*Children 2*

1. Matilda Ebert, 1807—

m—Israel Smyser, son of Jacob and Anna Margaret Yessler

2. Rebecca Ebert, 1817—

m—John Behler (or Beeler)

Daniel Ebert's death or murder has always remained a mystery, as he disappeared after going to Baltimore, Md., where he collected or withdrew from the bank a large sum of money

4. ADAM EBERT

Mar. 22, 1783—1855, Mar. 24

He received most of the old homestead

Retired to New York; died there

Buried Prospect Hill Cemetery, York

m—Elizabeth Eyster

Mar. 9, 1782—1851, Mar. 11

*Children 4*

1. Henry Ebert, 1809—1884. 75 yrs.

2. Elizabeth Ebert, 1812—

3. Sarah Ebert, 1815—

4. Martin Ebert, 1820—

1. HENRY EBERT

1809—1884

Lived West Manchester Twp.

m—Sarah Smyser, daug. of Jacob of W. Manchester and his wife Elizabeth Emig

*Children 5*

1. Charles Ebert, —1904, Jan. 16

Lived Kansas City, Mo.

2. Anna Maria Ebert

3. Martin Luther Ebert, bachelor

4. Sarah Jane Ebert

5. Henry A. Ebert, Dec. 10, 1841—1918, Dec. 11

He lived 1243 East Market St., York

He developed Eberton. It soon grew to have over 200 houses and a large manufacturing plant. It was then incorporated into the Borough of West York, but is still known as Eberton in 1931

Member of the Union Lutheran Church  
m—June 7, 1870 to Mary Sheller, daug. of Dr. Adam Sheller, a prominent physician of Mt. Joy, Lancaster Co., Pa.

*Children 3*

1. Laura Ebert, single

2. Ella V. Ebert

m—J. Wilbur Yates of Philadelphia

3. Harry S. Ebert, bachelor. Realtor  
Trustee Presbyterian Church

Ref.: Copied 1929 from Ency. American Biography by Cutter, vol. X, page 306.

2. ELIZABETH EBERT

1812—

m—Jacob Brillinger, son of John

3. SARAH EBERT

1815—

m—Martin Hoke

4. MARTIN EBERT

1820—

m—Sarah Eyster, daug. of Michael and wife Sarah Wolf

6. SUSAN EBERT (OF ANNA MARIA SMYSER)

Dec. 1788—1871, Oct. 2

m—George Hoke (1785—1849, Aug. 16), son of Maria Dorothy Smyser and her husband Peter Hoke

*Children 8*

1. Michael Hoke, 1807—1861

2. Daniel Hoke, 1809—1883

3. Peter Hoke, 1812—1835

4. Martin Hoke, 1815—1893

5. William Hoke, 1817—1886

6. George Hoke, 1820—1822

7. Mary Hoke, 1822—1848

8. Susanna Hoke, 1828—1907

Ref.: Peter Hoke line, married 5th daughter of Mathias Smyser 1st for fuller account of this line.

8. ANNA MARIA EBERT

Dec. 1797—

Lived York, Pa., and Indianapolis, Ind.

m—Henry Sell

*Children 5*

1. Evelyn Sell, m—Rev. Kuhl, Carthage, Ill.

2. Alma Sell

3. Mary Sell, Springfield, Ill.

4. Ambrose Sell

5.

Anna Maria Sell was present at the Smyser celebration in 1845



# Susan Smyser

## 10th Child of Mathias 1st and Anna Catherine

### 10. SUSAN SMYSER

Mar. 31, 1760—1840, Apr. 2

m—Philip Ebert

July 9, 1755—1805, Dec. 6

*Children 7*

1. Henry Ebert, 1784—1854, Oct. 21. 70yrs.

2. Elizabeth Ebert

3. Anna Maria Ebert, 1788—

4. Susanna(Sarah) Ebert, 1789—1871, Oct. 2

5. Catherine Ebert, 1792—1838

6. Lydia Ebert, 1794 (21 years in 1815)

7. Michael Ebert, 1801—1838 or 9

Resided in St. Louis, Mo. Merchant

### 4. SUSANNA (SARAH) EBERT

1789—1871

m—George Hoke, 1785—1849, 8th son of  
Peter Hoke and wife Maria Dorothea Smyser

*Children 8*

1. Michael Hoke, 1807—1861

2. Daniel Hoke, 1809—1883

3. Peter Hoke, 1812—1835

4. Martin Hoke, 1815—1893

5. William Hoke, 1817—1886

6. George Hoke, 1820—1822

7. Mary Hoke, 1822—1848

8. Susanna Hoke, 1828—1907

See Peter Hoke line. m—5th daug. of Mathias 1st

### 5. CATHERINE EBERT

1792—1838

Lived York Co.

m—Henry Small

### 6. LYDIA EBERT

Book 3B—235—1816.

Lydia Ebert to Mathias Smyser and Martin Ebert release: of West Manchester Twp. 608 lbs. 5 shillings in full of what came to his hands of the real estate from Martin Ebert; of the last will of Martin Ebert, dec. (he was Executor for Philip Ebert), who was the guardian of said Lydia Ebert, the sum of 211 lbs. 18 shillings 7 pence, in full of the personal estate of the said Philip Ebert, dec.; guardian appointed by Court, together with bond given by Martin Ebert for the sum of 506.87 which will become due on the death of Susan Ebert, widow of Philip Ebert, dec.; release.

# George Smyser

1722-1747

## Brother of Mathias Smyser 1st

### GEORGE SMYSER

Lived York Co., Newberry Twp. Died there George Smyser was a son of Martin Smyser of Germany and his wife Anna Barbara Borgel. He came to America with his widowed mother, Barbara, sister Margaret and brother Mathias, September 1731, and settled on the West side of the Susquehanna River. At that time the locality belonged to Lancaster Co., and not until 1749 was York Co. erected

m—May 22, 1740 Barbara Stambaugh, as found in Christ Lutheran Church's Records, York; English translations of many of the German church documents of that day are in the historical room in the Court House, at York

#### Children 3

1. Mathias Smyser  
b 1741 or 2; died 1786
2. John Smyser  
July 17, 1743—
3. John Jacob Smyser  
Baptized Mar. 19, 1747; died before he came of age

### GEORGE SMYSER'S WILL AND DEED

Recorder's Office, York.

Book 2L—425. Near the middle of the page it reads:

And whereas the aforesaid Casper Glatfelter and Mary his wife, Henry Walder and Dorothea his wife by Indenture of bargain and sale under their hands and seal, duly executed the 20th day of August, which was in the year of our Lord 1746, for the consideration therein mentioned did grant, bargain, sell, release, and confirm unto a certain *George Schmeisser* by the name of *George Smyser* of the County of Lancaster, Pa., yeoman, and to his heirs and assigns all that the above described tract of 224 acres of land with appurtenance, to hold to him the said George

Schmeisser his heirs and assigns forever as by said indenture may appear, and whereas the said *George Schmeisser* afterward to wit:—The 17th day of February in the year of our Lord 1747 made his last will in writing and therein and thereby did devise as follows, that is to say:

IMPRIMIS:—I give and bequeath unto Barbara my dearly beloved wife the  $\frac{1}{3}$  of my estate.

ITEM:—I give the rest to be divided between my *three children* equally as by the said will duly proved and remaining in the Register's Office at Lancaster, may appear.

And the aforesaid George Schmeisser afterwards died leaving Barbara his widow (who afterward intermarried to a certain George Miller) and Mathias Schmeisser his eldest son, John Schmeisser and Jacob Schmeisser his children to survive him; and whereas George Miller (German Mueller) and Barbara his wife late Barbara Schmeisser widow of George Schmeisser aforesaid deceased and Mathias Schmeisser the eldest son of said deceased, John Schmeisser then being under age and Jacob Schmeisser also being under age, died unmarried and without issue, by indenture under their hands and seals duly executed bearing date the 19th day of February in the year of our Lord 1763 for the consideration therein mentioned did grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm unto a certain John Meyer of Codorus Twp., York Co., Pa., and to his heirs and assigns all the above recited Tract of 224 acres of land with appurtenances, to hold to him the said John Meyer, etc., etc.

### DEED ABOUT GEORGE SMYSER, THE BROTHER OF MATHIAS SMYSER 1ST

Book B—46—1763.

This indenture made 19th day of February in the third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord



George the third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc., etc., and in the year of our Lord 1763. Between George Miller of Codorus Twp., York Co., Pa., yeoman, and his wife Barbara Smyser widow of George Smyser late of Newberry Twp. in the County of Lancaster, yeoman, dec., and Mathias Smyser of Codorus Twp., yeoman, eldest son of said deceased of the one part; and John Myer of Codorus Twp., yeoman, of the other part. Whereas the Honorable John Penn, Thomas Penn, Richard Penn, Esq., true and absolute Proprietors of the Province of Pennsylvania, etc., by their Patent under the Great Seal of said Province, bearing date at Philadelphia the second day of September, which was in the year of Our Lord 1743 for Consideration and under the Reservations therein particularly mentioned and expressed did grant unto a certain William Coleman of the City of Philadelphia, merchant, a certain tract of land situated on great Conewago Creek on West side of the Susquehanna River, within the County of Lancaster but now (1763) in the County of York.

Bounded and described as follows — — — containing 224 acres and allowances of 6 acres, to have and to hold to the said William Coleman, etc., etc. Patented at Philadelphia (now in the Capitol at Harrisburg) recorded in Patent Book A, vol. 11, page 211: whereas William Coleman and Hannah his wife by indenture Sept. 13, 1743 for consideration therein mentioned did grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm all the above recited tract of 224 acres to Casper Glatfelter and Henry Walder (Walter) both of Lancaster Co., etc., etc. Whereas Casper Glatfelter and Henry Walder and wife Dorothy by indenture Aug. 20, 1746, sold the above tract of 224 acres to George Smyser and to his heirs, etc., etc.

George Smyser afterward to wit 1747 made his last will in writing, thereby devised as follows:

"I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Barbara the  $\frac{1}{3}$  of my estate.

"ITEM:—I give the rest to be divided between my 3 children equally."

Will recorded in register's office in Lancaster, Pa.

"George Smyser afterward died 1747, leaving his widow Barbara (now the wife of George Miller of Codorus Twp., yeoman), and issue, the above named Mathias Smyser his eldest son, and John Smyser and Jacob Smyser. This indenture

for 325 lbs. lawful money of Pennsylvania to the aforesaid George Miller and Mathias Smyser in hand paid by John Myer, do grant and sell 224 acres of land, etc., etc., etc.

"(Signed) George Miller, Barbara Miller and Mathias Smyser."

Book E—395—1773.

To all people:

I John Smyser of Dover Twp., one of the sons of George Smyser testator, dec., for 100 lbs. 6 shillings 8 pence paid by John Meyer, quit claim all estate, etc., to within described tract of 224 acres.

The other son, Jacob, died under 21 years of age.

Book E—395—1773. York.

To all People to whom these presents shall come, John Smyser of Dover Twp., York Co., Penna., one of the sons of the within named *George Smyser* the Testator deceased, *Sendeth Greeting*, Know ye that the said John Smyser for and in consideration of one hundred lbs. six shillings and eight pence lawful money of Pennsylvania to him in hand paid by the within named John Myer (the grantor in the within mentioned Indenture) the receipt whereof the said John Myer his heirs and assigns by these Presents hath granted, remised, released, and forever quit claim, and confirm, etc., etc.

In witness whereof the said John Smyser hath herewith set his hand and seal the 16th day of August in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three. (He was a number of years over 21 then.)

Sealed and delivered  
in the presence of us

Michael Swope

(Signed)

Jacob Billmyer, Jr.

John Smyser

York County, Pennsylvania, was erected in 1749 out of Lancaster County, so the deed proves that he, George Schmeisser now Smyser, died before that date, as the deed states his will was recorded in Lancaster County, and he at the time of his death lived in Newberry Twp. that was included in York County when it was erected in 1749.

I made a special trip to Lancaster to copy the will, but I could not find it, neither could I find anything in the Orphans' Court as that record does not begin until 1749, nor could the then officials of either office after a thorough search.



One man who had been in office many years said to me that he wished they would burn all the records in his particular office. I was frank enough to tell him that, if it was such a burden, he had better resign his office.

Some years before, I had tried to find his will and children in the Register's Office and Orphans' Court in York—as no one, I am sure, ever thought he died so young a man.

From some one of his line I received the following:

"Family name comes as a nickname of one Bohemund, Crusader (Ref.: Gibbon's 'Fall of Rome'; Encyclopedia Britannica, vol. 3, page 861; vol. 6, page 624; vol. 9, page 538), who thereafter used his nickname Schmeisser, wishing to give up Nobility and belong to the Bourgeoisie class."

#### 1. MATHIAS SMYSER

1741 or 2—1786

m—Anna Angela Linebacker, daug. of Henry who died 1773

Mathias Smyser was born in York Co.

Lived a short time in Newberry Twp.

When young moved with his mother to Codorus Twp., after she married George Mueller, now *Miller*

In 1763 George Miller and Mathias Smyser sold the farm in Newberry Twp. In 1773 *John Smyser* released the farm to the purchaser and now, Sept. 1931, I have no other record of him—though I have searched through deeds and the Orphans' Court, it has all been in vain

*Children 5 (or 7)*

1. John Henry Schmeisser, baptized Apr. 8, 1765. Leschy's Church Records
  2. John Philip Schmeisser, baptized Apr. 14, 1765. Leschy's Church Records. Wit., Geo. and Catherine Meyer
  3. John Jacob Schmeisser, baptized Sept. 27, 1768. Quickel's Church Records
  4. John George Schmeisser, baptized June 3, 1769. His witnesses were George Mueller (Miller) and wife Barbara (widow of John George Smyser). Strayer's Ref. Church
  5. Michael Schmeisser, b Feb. 9, 1772. Quickel's Church Records
- Sometime after this date (1772) they must have moved to Maryland.

It was a custom to use the name John before all other male names, the same as Maria before women's names. I have come across it so many times in baptismal records and understand it is or was a French custom, as Pennsylvania in a very early day was settled largely by French and Germans. The German, being the stronger race physically, have to a large extent absorbed the French, Germanizing all French names as much as possible. This was seen when, some years ago, a German Baron was sent especially to Eastern Pennsylvania (east of the Susquehanna River) to investigate the number of Germans. He made a great showing, as he claimed all the French as Germans.

Mrs. Lafferty of Lexington, Ky., gives, in addition to the above 5 sons, the names of John and Mary as their children. No other record can I find of them. Suppose they were born in Maryland.

After the death of Mathias Smyser in 1786, his widow, Celia Ann as some of her descendants call her, was married a second time to a man by the name of Joseph Tible or Bitle of Kentucky. She lived to be 100 years old. Barbara Stambach did not remain a widow very long, as her 1st child by George Mueller (Miller) was baptized 1749. Strayer's Records.

#### Will of Henry Linebacker—Abbreviated.

Register's Office, York.

Book C—144—1773, Mar. 31. Made Feb. 13, 1773.

Henry Linebacker of Dover Twp., yeoman, last will.

ITEM:—Just debts to be paid.

ITEM:—To dearly beloved wife Catherine, etc.

ITEM:—To son Conrad, etc.; residue divided amongst my children Felix; Anna married to Mathias Schmeisser; Catherine married to Gerhard Graeff.

Executors son Conrad; son-in-law Gerhard Graeff.

Witnesses:

Philip Zeigler

Johannes Diesgrel

Henry Linebacker

Baptismal records gives her name as Anna Angela or Johanna Angela, not just Anna as it appears in above will.



2. JOHN PHILIP SMYSER

Baptized Apr. 14, 1765—1835

Lived Kentucky; died at 70 yrs.

Ran away from home in Maryland because of difficulties with his stepfather. Came down the Ohio River on a raft; settled in Kentucky  
m 1st—Martha (Patsy) Frey of Kentucky  
m 2nd—Mary Canon (Pennsylvania German)

(Records of H. L. Smyser and Mrs. Lafferty)

*Child 1 (1st wife)*

1. Abram Smyser, 1804—1868

Lived Goshen, Ohio

m—Susan Lemming, 1808—1887

*Children 7*

1. William Christy Smyser

2. Ann Smyser, m—Tappin

Lived Cincinnati, Ohio; dec.

3. Mary Smyser, m— Jones

Lived Windsor, Ill.; dec.

4. George Smyser, dec., Milford, Ohio

5. Jacob Smyser, Tulsa, Okla.

6. John Smyser, dec., Windsor, Ill.

7. Sallie Smyser

m 1st—Zumpatien, dec.

m 2nd—

1. WILLIAM CHRISTY SMYSER

b Clermont Co., Ohio, Sept. 6, 1839; died  
Sterling, Kansas, Aug. 11, 1919 or 17

m—Oct. 26, 1868 Lavinia Jane Brown,  
Dec. 11, 1845—1921, Jan. 30

*Children 3*

1. Harley Brown Smyser, lives Wichita,  
Kansas. b Oct. 26, 1869

2. Mary Alberta Smyser, b May 1, 1871

Lives Urbana, Ohio, Abby Lane

m—Charles Farnham *Johnston*

3. John Ward Smyser, b Aug. 26, 1875

Lives Sterling, Kansas

m—Mary Hughes

3. JOHN JACOB SMYSER (OF MATHIAS)

Baptized Sept. 27, 1768—1829

m—Nancy Frey

*Children 10*

1. Jacob Smyser

2. George Smyser

3. John Wesley Smyser, 1801—1853

4. William Smyser, 1832—1881

5. Lewis Smyser

6. Betsy Smyser

7. Polly Smyser

8. Nancy Smyser

9. Delilah Smyser

10. Sallie Smyser

3. JOHN WESLEY SMYSER

1801—1853

Lived Newburg, Ky. Was postmaster there  
for many years

m—1831 Mary Elizabeth Smith (1813—1853)  
of Bullitt Co., Ky., daug. of Peter. The  
father, mother, brother and sister all died  
within 6 weeks of each other

*Children 6*

1. George Washington Smyser, 1832—  
1853, bachelor

2. Jacob Lewis Smyser, b 1834

Lives Louisville, Ky., and is very active  
at the age of 98 yrs. (in 1931)

He was born in Newburg, Jefferson Co.,  
Ky., on Mar. 1, 1834. He was a student  
at Bethany College, West Virginia, when  
it was conducted by Alexander Camp-  
bell; then came to Louisville and has  
lived there ever since

He has seen the town grow from 1500  
to a city of over 350,000, and all that  
time has been deeply interested in its  
civic progress.

Assisted in organizing the present  
board of trade and was one of its first  
officers.

Produced the first electric light that  
was ever shown in Louisville.

He was in the milling business and  
manufactured stoves.

He has led an unusually active life.  
At 98 he is as active as many men at 50.  
He now gives his attention to his 150-  
acre farm.

m—1861 Frances Lithgow (1842—1925),  
daug. of James Smith Lithgow, 1812—  
1892 (and wife Hannah Craigg), who  
came to Louisville in 1832 and was one  
of its leading citizens. He held the  
office of Mayor, as well as many offices  
of minor importance; son of Walter  
Lithgow (m—Frances Stevenson), 1787  
—1813, son of David Lithgow

*Children 4*

1. Edwin Smyser, died infancy

2. Harry Lee Smyser

3. Sallie Smyser

4. James Lithgow Smyser

2. HARRY LEE SMYSER (OF JACOB LEWIS SMYSER)  
b 1864—

Address 3143 Preston St., Louisville, Ky.

I am indebted to him for much of his line  
He is vice president of the Audubon Park Realty Co., with office at Preston St. Road and Audubon Park

He has always been very active in business affairs, and his services to his city have always been freely given.

m—1894 Rebecca Gwathmey Tyler, descendant of Robert Tyler (d—ca—1674) from England, who 1663 settled on the Patuxent River, "Bough," Md. Justice. Calvert Co., 1670; m—Joanne Ravens. Son Robert Tyler, 1671—1738, of Prince George Co., Md., peace commissioner; served in lower house of General Assembly 15 yrs.; elected speaker 1712, but declined to serve; m—1694 Susannah DuVal. Son Edward Tyler (1696—ante 1733), m—1716 Elizabeth Duvall (Samuel 9). Son Edward (1719—1802) settled at Cross Creek, Va. (Now Williamsburg, W. Va.); delegate, Va. Convention, 1781; came to Ky. with George Rodgers Clark, settling at Louisville; moved to Jeffersontown, Jefferson Co., 1783; m—1749 Nancy Langley (1732—1820). Son Edward (1769—1840) m—1788 Ann Hughes (1766—1817) of Isaac 7 who m—Sarah Leak. Son Levi (1789—1861) m—1810 Eliza Oldham (1792—1840) of Samuel 6 who m—Ann Lipscomb. Son Henry Samuel (1815—1883) m—1837 Rebecca Ann Gwathmey (1815—1892). See vol. 3, page 425, for Gwathmey lineage. Son Isaac Hughes (1838—1883) m—Jane Louise Owen (1846—1929). Daug. Rebecca Gwathmey Tyler m—1894 Harry Lee Smyser

*Children 2*

1. Frances Smyser, lived Louisville, Ky.; died during the World War  
m—John Summers Middleton
2. Lewis Tyler Smyser, b Oct. 28, 1897  
Lives Blankenbaker Lane, Upper River Road, Louisville, Ky.  
m—Mar. 4, 1919 Sarah Marshall Ide, b Troy, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1897, daug. of Alba Marshall Ide and wife Gertrude Knight

*Children 4*

1. Frances Smyser
2. Cynthia Smyser
3. Marshall Ide Smyser
4. Sarah Tyler Smyser

Lewis Tyler Smyser was educated at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., 1919

Treasurer Alemite Lubricating Co. of Ky. Ensign U. S. N. during World War. Member S. C. W.; S. A. R.; Wynn Stay Club; and Louisville Country Club

Sarah Marshall Ide Smyser is the 7th granddaug. of Elsie Rutgers—who married David Schuyler, son of Peter Schuyler of New York fame

3. SALLIE SMYSER (OF JACOB LEWIS SMYSER)  
Single

4. JAMES LITHGOW SMYSER  
m—Hettie May Hermany

3. MARTHA SMYSER (OF JOHN WESLEY)  
1836—1853

4. MARY ELIZABETH SMYSER  
1838—. m—B. F. Karsner

5. SARAH CATHERINE SMYSER  
1843—1897. m—C. B. Simmons  
*Children 2*

1. Lyons Simmons
2. Alex H. Simmons

6. SUSAN GREGG SMYSER  
1844—1926. m—1865 E. B. Tippet  
*Children 3*

1. Mary E. Tippet, 1868—
2. Jacob Smyser Tippet, 1872—
3. Margaret Tippet, 1880—

1. MARY E. TIPPETT  
m—Oct. 16, 1889 Calvin Norris Caldwell  
*Children 5*

1. Edward Norris Caldwell, b 1890
2. Calvin Norris Caldwell, b 1891
3. Lewis Smyser Caldwell, b 1894
4. Mary White Caldwell, b 1900
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4. JOHN GEORGE SMYSER (OF MATHIAS)  
June 3, 1769—1856

Lived Md.; moved to Ky. in 1795. He first lived at Cameridge, then located on the Licking River at Lair Station where he died in 1856. For a long time he followed the hatter's trade extensively, in connection with his farming and clearing, operated by 100 slaves with white overseers

He early started a small copper distillery. He delivered the whiskey mostly to Lexington, Ky., at 10 and 12 cts. a gallon.



The old lead mines are on his farm and, although many have tried to work them, no one has succeeded financially but he.

The old house was still in good condition in 1907. The walls are done in rice plaster, the woodwork quaint and handsome and hand carved.

The old well sweep is still in use.

He lived with his wife Martha 53 yrs., raised 8 children by her and one by his first wife.

His 3rd wife was a very grand old lady, whose toilet required frequent changing of her caps, different hours and occasions demanding different styles.

He married three times.

m 1st—Katherine Lair, 1 *Child*

m 2nd—Mary Lair, her sister

m 3rd—Martha Lair, their cousin, daug. of Andrew Lair of Logans Fort, who went with George Rodgers Clark on Wabash and Ohio raids during the Revolutionary War

*Children 9*

1. Elizabeth Smyser, 1799—
2. John Smyser, 1802—
3. Samuel Smyser, 1804—
4. George Smyser, 1809—1875
5. Catherine Smyser, 1811—
6. Darius Smyser, 1814—
7. William Smyser, 1817—
8. Mary Smyser, 1820—
9. Celia Smyser, 1825—

1. ELIZABETH SMYSER

Lived in Ohio

Ran away and m—Jacob Harter in 1813 when only 14 yrs. old

*Children 7*

1. Darius Harter, no information
2. Mathias Harter, no information
3. Samuel Harter  
m—Rebecca Frazer

*Children 7*

1. William Harter, 1825—
  2. Alfred Newton Harter, 1828—
  3. George Harter, 1831—
  4. Martha Harter, 1834—
  5. Mary Elizabeth Harter, 1837—
  6. John James Harter, 1839—
  7. Hugh F. Harter, 1843
4. Catherine Harter
  5. Laban Harter
  6. Franklin Harter
  7. Milton Harter

2. JOHN SMYSER

1802— . Lived in Tennessee. m—

Has a grandson, Allen G. Hall, law dean at Vanderbilt College

3. SAMUEL SMYSER

1804—1870

m—Rebecca Frazer, 1802—1873, at Cynthiana, Ky., moved to Moultrie, Ill.

*Children 6*

1. Alfred Newton Smyser, 1828—1880
2. William Smyser, 1832—1881
3. Mary Catherine Smyser, 1835—1902
4. Mary Elizabeth Smyser, 1837—1891
5. John James Frazer Smyser, 1839—1865
6. Hugh Frazer Smyser, 1841—1880

1. ALFRED NEWTON SMYSER

m—1847 Isyphoneia Edwards

*Children 6*

1. William Henry Smyser, 1848—1918 Sept.
2. Elvira Katherine Smyser, 1850—1880
3. Lucretia Frances Smyser, died infancy
4. Mary Josephine Smyser, 1854—1904
5. Newton Oliver Smyser, 1857—1891
6. Samuel Edwards Smyser, 18 —1890

1. WILLIAM HENRY SMYSER

1848—1918; died suddenly

His address, at one time, was Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

m 1st—1884 Alice McCullough, —1898

m 2nd—Maud Hogan

*Child 1*

1. William Leon Smyser, b Feb. 15, 1902  
Graduated Harvard University. 1930 he was an instructor in Vienna  
He wrote the "Father of the Merry Widow" for the Herald Tribune, New York, Sunday Apr. 26, 1931  
m—May 22, 1928 Helga Kund

*Children 2*

1. Helga Fredericka Smyser, b Aug. 3, 1930
2. William Richard Smyser, b Nov. 17, 1931, at 3:25 A. M.

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New York Herald Tribune  
September 28, 1931.

Dear Mrs. Xanders:

Thank you for your letter in reference to William Leon Smyser. Mr. Smyser has written a number of articles for us

during the last three years, but I don't feel that we can give you the facts about him as accurately as you would want them. So I am taking the liberty of sending your letter directly to him. He is now in Vienna. His address is Bauernfeldgasse 38, Vienna XIX, Austria.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Richard L. Field

*Associate Editor  
Sunday Magazine*

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Bauernfeldgasse 38  
Vienna XIX, Austria  
October 13th, 1931

Mrs. Amanda L. Xanders,  
Colonial Hotel, York, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Xanders,

Mr. Field of the Herald Tribune has forwarded to me your letter of inquiry, and I am very much interested to hear that a book about the Smyser family is being planned. My father at one time had a small volume, prepared years ago, but I have never seen anything about the family, and sincerely hope that you will be good enough to let me know when your work appears. I wish you every success.

From the annotations on Mr. Field's letter, I believe that he has sent you the copy of the paper which you requested.

A collection of my articles is about to appear in England and America, called *Temperaments*, and when the event is actually fixed and dated I shall be happy to let you have a copy should it interest you.

I have recently had to prepare for my agents the short anecdotal type of biography that they need in order to answer editors' questions for publicity. If you will permit me to enclose a carbon copy of this biography I am sure that it will answer the questions in your letter and perhaps quite exhaust your patience. It is, however, the only thing I have in hand, and I hope that, if you pardon its length, you will find it satisfactory.

I hope that you will let me hear from you, both to tell me that you have received this note and to let me know all about the Smyser History and Genealogy which you are doing. I suppose that I need not tell you that I am from the George Smyser—Patsy (Martha) Lair branch, through Samuel Merit, who moved from Kentucky into Illinois, Alfred N., and William H. It may interest you to know, however, that my wife and I have one baby, a girl, Helga Fredericka, born August 3, 1930. Please let me know when your book will go to press.

Sincerely yours,

William Leon Smyser.

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William Leon Smyser, born February 15, 1902, at noon, Washington, D. C.

*Father:* William Henry, in U. S. Treasury Dept., had been newspaper editor. Family came to America in 1731 from Dinkelsbühl, Bavaria, moved into Kentucky before the American Revolution, and into Illinois in 1831, intermarrying with the Kentucky Lairs, Kimbroughs, Fraziers, and Tolbotts. *Mother:* Maud Leon, née Hogan, of English-Scotch-Irish descent, born in Canada, on her mother's side related to the Arnolds.

*Schools:* The public schools and Central High School of Washington; in the latter concentrated in the Cadet Corps, working up to rank of Captain, and acquiring an aversion for War and an interest in military problems which lie ill together. Wrote boys' stories and bad poetry all through school.

Summers were spent on father's country place in Berwyn, Md., and at Ocean City, N. J., before that place began trying to imitate Atlantic City. Resulted a love of nature, the woods and the sea, which, complementing a love for travel, are essential parts of Smyser's character, and quite as keen as his love of the theatre and of cities, which came later.



1919—Canadian North Woods: A three-month excursion into the northern woods of Ontario, with base on Georgian Bay and expeditions, accompanied by four fraternity brothers and a guide, into most of the country and lake regions lying around.

1919-23—Harvard: Tossed out of stroking the Freshman "Smith Hall" crew because 135 pounds were too light, and out of cross-country because of shameful nausea after coming in fourteenth out of a field of seventy. Took in despair to boxing, single-scuttling, and the Glee Club. Sang "with" Hemple and Kreisler in their appearances with the Glee Club. Dropped this for the 47 Workshop with the hope of working with Professor Baker and taking his course in play-writing. The usual undergraduate courses, specializing in History and Literature of England, and receiving a *Magna cum laude*. Used to get up at six forty-five and run a mile before breakfast, with the result that both ears were frozen on the morning of a geology examination.

1923-24—Harvard: Taking master's degree, undecided between the teaching of literature and the production of it. Worked intensively on Anglo-Saxon and neglected Baker's play-writing, although it was the ambition of his college career and had at last been won. Through undergraduate years had acted in 47 Workshop plays and had taken summer courses in Peterborough, N. H., gone on tour with the 47 Workshop company to Middlebury, Vermont, etc. Now wrote three plays, all of them too cramped by other work for Master's degree. At the same time reviewed books and plays for *Boston Transcript*.

1924-28—France: Won American Field Service Fellowship to study the drama in France. Worked at Grenoble and the Sorbonne for first year, and then in the actual theatre, writing reviews of the French stage for *N. Y. Times*, *Boston Transcript*, etc. Finally became regular critic of continental edition of the *Chicago Tribune*. Delegate to the Inter-

national Congress of Dramatic Critics in Paris, 1926, and in Salzburg, 1927. Collaborated on two plays.

1928—Marriage: In first six months of 1928 traveled in Austria, Germany, and Poland, returning always to Vienna, where Helga Kund, daughter of the German explorer, Major Kund, was translating and writing. Married May 22.

New York for four months, on honeymoon. Lived in Carnegie Hall, where Helga pursued work in Astrology with Evangeline Adams. Visiting theatres assiduously, and, while Brooks Atkinson was on summer vacation, taking his column on two successive Sundays in the *Times* dramatic section to write "An Expatriate Critic Revisits Broadway." Began series of articles for *Herald Tribune Magazine* with "Molnar," followed by "Maugham," "Stephens," etc.

1928-1929—Paris: Gradual development away from dramatic criticism and literary criticism (appearing in *Saturday Review of Literature*) toward articles on literary personalities and statesmen, always with the view of breaking into fiction. First political article was "Herick" in the *Herald Tribune Magazine* followed later by "Stresemann," "Curtius," "Hindenburg," etc.

1929—Africa: The most important recent influence. Five-month study tour with Baron Christian de Caters, the French author and traveler, as companion. Starting from Lisbon, visited in succession all the Portuguese and Belgian possessions in Africa, with official letters which opened all doors and secured transportation and servants when nothing else might. Upon these African experiences a whole series of travel articles and at least three books of travel and one book of short stories are being prepared, of which the first article is "Kasai Diamonds," to appear in England in *Britannia and Eve* and in America in *Herald Tribune Magazine* and *Readers Digest*, while the first short story is "Black Evidence," now in hands of Curtis Brown. In Africa visited Portuguese Guinea, and plans to treat



the colony in a separate book. Visited a plantation on São Thomé where a month was passed studying the natives, the cultures, and collecting material. In Angola, went to the Kasai diamond mines, hunted with the Governor General in the Congo Estuary, and undertook a cross-country auto trip from Loanda south-eastward to the central plateau and Huambo. Visited up and down the Benguella R. R., from the mountains to Dilolo Gare on the Belgian Congo frontiers which is the scene of the stories in a proposed collection, "Dilolo Tales." Spent weeks in Dilolo, was present at the opening of the Benguella R. R. with Prince Arthur of Connaught, etc., and crossed the Continent with the official party, visiting the copper mines of Katanga, Elizabethville, Northern Rhodesia, the Victoria Falls, the Transvaal, Kimberley (making for Kimberley and Praetoria special trips apart from the party), Praetoria, Johannesburg, and Lourenço Marques, "The Dual City." Back to Europe by boat *via* Durban, Cape Town, Madeira.

1929-1931—Vienna: Entrenched and determined not to move until at least a certain amount of the stories and travel books already planned have been written. Writing stories, "Frame-Up," "Black Evidence," etc. Writing travel articles. Writing enough personalities to finish a second collection of such articles, the first to be called "Temperaments," and deal with musicians like Strauss and Lehar, thinkers like Freud, Adler, and Einstein, and writers like Schnitzler, Remarque, Wassermann, etc.; the second to be called "Personalities" and to deal only with statesmen, "Carmona of Portugal," "Zogu of Albania," "Feisul el Husein of Iraq," etc. Publishing in South Africa and England as well as in America. Typical work, "Seven Dials," in the *Century* (N. Y.), Spring, 1930; "Strauss," in *Music and Letters* (London), January 1931; "Dictatorship without the Dictator," in *The Contemporary Review* (London), September 1930; "Dame aux Camelias," in *Britannia and*

*Eve* (London), April 1931; "Germany's G. O. M.," *The Sphere* (London), July 26, 1930; "Venizelos," *Current History* (N. Y.), May 1931. "France Overseas," in *The Fortnightly Review* (London), September, 1931.

Member Harvard Club of France. Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Member of Dramatists' Guild (N. Y.), and of The Authors' League, London.

## 2. ELVIRA KATHERINE SMYSER

Lived Sullivan, Ill.

m—1874 John Duncan, —1917

*Children 2*

1. Clifford Smyser Duncan, 1876—1901

2. George Russell Duncan, b 1877, dec.

John Duncan was a leading steamship man and a customs lawyer.

He met a tragic death in 1917 when in company with Rev. and Mrs. Jesse P. McKnight, Willie Edna Smyser and her mother returning from Long Beach a train ran into them and killed all but Mrs. Newton Oliver Smyser (her two daughters, both accomplished musicians of rare talent).

The Rev. was a popular clergyman and his wife a pianist and organist, while her sister Willie Edna Smyser was a vocalist (soprano), member of the Lyric Club of Los Angeles and very popular with musicians.

The funerals for the four unfortunate victims were held at the same time in the Wilshire Christian Church.

## 3. LUCRETIA FRANCES SMYSER

Died in infancy

## 4. MARY JOSEPHINE SMYSER

—1928. Lived Sullivan, Ill.

m—1872 John Finley Eden, —1904

*Children 4*

1. Alfred Edgar Eden, b 1874

2. Helene Ione Eden, b 1878

3. William Wallace Eden, b 1882

4. Luther Link Eden, b 1886

## 1. ALFRED EDGAR EDEN

Lived Sullivan, Ill. 1929 lives Champaign, Ill.

m—Daisy Krebs of Hamilton, Ohio

*Children 2*

1. Royal Krebs Eden, b 1900

Lives Milwaukee, Wis.

Graduated University of Ill. m—



2. Josephine Ione Eden, b 1906  
Lives Danville, Ill.  
Graduated University of Ill.  
m—Crowder
3. WILLIAM WALLACE (WESTERFIELD) EDEN  
b 1882, Sullivan, Ill.  
m—190 Blanche Lowe  
Live St. Louis, Mo.  
*Child 1*
  1. Jean Eden
4. LUTHER LINK EDEN  
b 1886, Sullivan, Ill.  
m—1905 Gladys Jones of San Francisco,  
Calif.  
Live Pomona, Calif.  
He is agent for the Union Pacific Railroad  
there  
They have an adopted daug., Ruth Ann

In 1929, the latter part of May, I took my granddaughter, Imilda Irene Abts, Jr., on a trip to the Pacific Coast to attend the Pacific Ad Club convention in Oakland, Calif. After the meeting (since 1921 I am a member of the Honolulu, T. H., Ad Club) we toured Southern California, leaving Los Angeles early in July on account of the terrific heat, but before we left I took the address of Mrs. Newton Oliver Smyser from the telephone book, and on my return I wrote her for information in regard to her husband's people. Her knowledge of the Smyasers went back to Samuel Smyser, who lived in Cynthiana, Ky., married Rebecca Frazer and had a son Alfred Newton Smyser who married Isyphoneia Edwards. This has been corroborated by Mrs. Lafferty (widow of Judge Lafferty who was dean of law at the University of Kentucky at Lexington) just this summer of 1931.

After all, what was in part tradition—that Mathias Smyser's brother George had moved to Kentucky—was proved by me to be untrue, yet here we find his descendants for years at home in that state.

How I tried for years to locate the children of George Smyser and Barbara Stambaugh, also spelled Stambach, but no trace could I find until the winter of 1931, when I found his son Mathias in Codorus Twp. (living, I suppose, with his step-father George Miller and mother Barbara, formerly Smyser), 1763 when they sold the farm in Newberry Twp.

I had had the release from his son John Schmeisser 1773 of Dover Twp., York Co., for some years and had finally given up hope of ever learning anything more about them.

In looking over the birth records of Leschy's Church and Quickel's, I found Mathias Smyser had married Anna Angela Linebacker, daug. of Henry who died in 1773. As Mathias Smyser's wife died in 1763, I credited him with this marriage, and after each child I said "died in infancy," and their mother as having died before Mathias' 1st—as there was no mention of them in his will. I ruthlessly killed them all, but only on paper.

May 1931 that record of all their deaths seemed so unreal that I tore Mathias 1st's second marriage and children out of the record. When—lo and behold!—during the record-breaking heat of this summer (1931) those children came to life only to die natural deaths, though their descendants still live scattered far and wide. It was through Mrs. Lafferty's records that I was able to attach the Los Angeles Smyasers.

How discovery hinges on the unexpected! For instance, during the summer I wrote the Institute of American Genealogy, 440-442 South Dearborn St., Chicago, of which I am a charter member, for information in regard to Washington Dana Smyser for whom they are building a large memorial school in that city. They wrote me he had died in San Antonio, Texas, in 1927, and that he was connected with a Nat. Bank of Chicago and enclosed printed clippings of other Smyasers, descendants of George son of Martin, etc. They also advised me to write to Mrs. Charles Farnham Johnston, Abby Lane, Urbana, Ohio, as one of the clippings gave her descent from George who married (1740) Barbara Stambaugh—Christ Lutheran Church Records.

I at once wrote Mrs. Johnston and received a hasty sketch of her line, as she was leaving (early in July) at once for New York to sail for Europe, and would not return until Sept. 15.

August 11, 1931, Mrs. W. T. Lafferty wrote me that she was sending me a book of genealogical notes on her Smyser line (Mrs. John-

ston had given me her address). She is secretary of Woman's Club Service, Lexington.

I here acknowledge my indebtedness to Mrs. Johnston, Urbana, Ohio; Mrs. Maud Ward Lafferty, Lexington, Ky.; and Mr. H. L. Smyser of Louisville, Ky., for information regarding George Smyser's descendants.

It was at the time I received Mrs. Johnston's letter, that I received the following letter from Audubon Park Realty Co., Louisville, Ky.:

Mrs. Amanda L. Xanders

Syracuse, Indiana

Dear Madame:—

Information has just reached me that

you are at work writing a history of the Smyser family.

At the completion, I think that if it carries enough of my branch that I will like to have a copy, as this research is most interesting to me.

May I say I have considerable information of the family, that if you think it would be of value to you that it will be my pleasure to let you have. My great stumbling block has been Mathias of Md.

Yours very truly

H. L. Smyser.

## Newton Oliver Smyser

### 5th Child of Alfred Newton and Isyphoneia

#### 5. NEWTON OLIVER SMYSER

May 29, 1857—1891, Aug. 25

Lived 1909 West 21st, Los Angeles, Calif.  
m—Nov. 27, 1877 Carrie Murray Mars in the M. E. Church at Sullivan, Ill.

##### *Children 3*

1. Helen Ione Smyser, Oct. 28, 1878—1917, Sullivan, Ill.  
m—Mar. 1913 Rev. Jesse P. McKnight in Los Angeles. He was pastor of the Wilshire Boulevard Christian Church  
No issue
2. Willie Edna Smyser, single, June 23, 1881—1917
3. Henry Oliver Smyser, b Jan. 17, 1891 at Sullivan  
m—June 26, 1916 in Los Angeles to Mrs. Bertha Edna Harvey, who has a son by her 1st marriage, Jack Cross Smyser (has been adopted), b in Seattle, Apr. 21, 1910)

##### *Children 2*

1. Robert Mars Smyser, b June 6, 1917
2. June Smyser, b June 1, 1921

Received this line from the widow of Newton Oliver Smyser. Lives 1801 West 21st, Los Angeles, Calif.

#### 6. SAMUEL EDWARD SMYSER (OF ALFRED NEWTON)

18 —1890. Died in Sullivan, Ill.

m—1881 Fannie Lamar, or La Mar, of San Francisco, Calif.

No issue

#### 2. WILLIAM SMYSER (OF SAMUEL 1804—1870) 1832—1881

m—1850 Eleanor Hart Robinson, —1904

##### *Children 8*

1. Mary Elizabeth Smyser, died infancy
2. William Albert Smyser, died infancy
3. Henry Burgess Smyser, died infancy
4. Samuel Milton Smyser, 1852—  
Lived 1020 E. 40th, Los Angeles, Calif.  
m—1877 Clara Stone
- Children 4*
  1. Eleanor Stone Smyser
  2. William Henry Smyser, 1880—1885
  3. Mary Francis Smyser, 1882—
  4. Samuel Porter Smyser, 1887—
5. Lucretia Ann Smyser, 1853—
6. David M. Smyser, 1861—1900, single
7. Isyphoneia Frances Smyser, 1862—
8. Rebecca Katherine Smyser, 1869—1891

#### 5. CATHERINE SMYSER (OF JOHN GEORGE)

1811—1882

m—John Wesley Lair, her mother's cousin



*Children 6*

1. John Andrew Lair, 1836—1884  
m—Lida Beckham

*Children 4*

1. Beckham Lair, N. Y.
  2. Percy Lair
  3. Kittie Lair  
m—Spaulding, Washington, D. C.
  4. Dorothy Lair  
m—Franklin  
Live Baltimore, Md.
2. Helen Lair, Sept. 1839—1927 Sept.  
m—1868 the Hon. A. H. Ward, member  
of Congress from Ky. during the Civil  
War  
He was a distinguished lawyer  
Jan. 1815—1904 Apr.

*Children 5*

1. Maude Ward, Feb. 21, 1869  
m—Nov. 1889 W. T. Lafferty who  
became judge and was dean of law  
at the University of Kentucky in  
Lexington  
He died Nov. 9, 1922

*Child 1*

1. Helen Lafferty, m—B. L.  
Nisbet  
*Child 1: Helen Louise Nis-*  
*bet, b 1919*
2. Harry Ward, b July 16, 1871  
m—Mrs. Johnson of Calif.  
No issue
3. Kittie (Kathleen) Ward, July 3,  
1873—1904 Jan.
4. Paul Ward, b Jan. 1875  
m—1901 Rebecca Ashton

*Child 1*

1. Gene Ashton Ward, b 1902  
m—W. W. Taylor of Chicago  
and England
5. Ashley Ward, b 1877  
m—Nell Reynolds

*Children 3*

1. John Andrew Ward
  2. Bettie Ward
  3. Ashley Ward, Jr.
3. Arabella Smyser Lair, 1841—  
m—John Burton Maude (Mande) of  
St. Louis, Mo.
  4. Mary Lair, 1843—  
m—Capt. James Givens

*Child 1*

1. Helen Givens
5. Frances Lair, 1845—  
m—A. B. Griffeth

*Child 1*

1. Gladys Griffeth, m—Harrison Flick  
Live in Ohio  
(2 *Children*)
6. Lida Lair, 1847—

One of the major operations during the Revolutionary War was the capture of Ruddles Fort by British and Indians under the British Officer Capt. Henry Berd of His Majesty's 8th Regiment, June 22, 1780. Ruddles Fort was on our ancestral estate, and Mary Lau Ruddle was one of the captives carried off to Canada. They were not released until the Treaty of Greenville, fifteen years later, brought about by "Mad" Anthony Wayne.

"Boscobel," the home of Catherine Smyser who married Lair, still stands as does the colonial home of her father, George Smyser.

"The Cedars," site of Ruddles Fort, was burned a year ago. It was one of the most handsome homes in central Kentucky.

6. DARIUS SMYSER (OF JOHN GEORGE; MATHIAS;  
GEORGE)  
1814—  
m 1st—Louisa Smith  
m 2nd—Sarah Jane Howe

*Children 4*

1. Dr. Harmon Smyser, m—Mary

*Child 1*

1. Harmon Todd Smyser
2. James Smyser, m—Fannie Fisher

*Child 1*

1. Alice Smyser
3. Edward (Ed) Smyser, m—Julia Philips.

*Child 1*

1. Rollins Smyser  
Lives Oklahoma City, Okla.
  4. Samuel Smyser, m—Mollie Roberts
- 3 *Children*  
Live in Texas and Warrensburg, Mo.

7. WILLIAM SMYSER  
1817—1849  
m—Lena Lair. No issue
8. MARY SMYSER  
1820—1891  
m—James Frazer, 1807—1866

- Child 1*
1. Noah Frazer, 1841—1897  
m—1861 Kate Dunlap
- Children 3*
1. William Frazer, 1863—1899  
m—Jessie Williams
- Child 1*
1. Jessie Frazer, b 1892
  2. Eugenia Frazer, 1866—  
m—Fred Broadwell
  3. Mary Frazer, 1872—

- m 1st—Clarence Lebus  
m 2nd—Desha Breckenridge
- Children 2*
1. Frazer Lebus, b 1897—  
m—Elvira Stoll
- 4 Children*
2. Clarence Lebus, b 1900  
m—Lady Belle Burt
- 1 Child*

9. CELIA SMYSER  
1825—1875

## Margaret Smyser

1711—1780, April 4

m—1732 Christian Oyster (Eyster)  
1710—1747

Lived Manchester Twp., York Co.  
*Children 6*

1. Elias Oyster, Aug. 6, 1734—1833
2. George Oyster, 1741—1810
3. Hannah Oyster
4. Elizabeth Oyster
5. Margaret Oyster
6. Christian Oyster

Margaret Oyster (Eyster), née Schmeisser,  
m 2nd—Martin Miller (Mueller)

Ref.: Clerk of Court's Office.  
Book A—41—1749.  
Book B—2—3—1763.

WILL OF CHRISTIAN OYSTER (EYSTER)

Lancaster Co. Court House.  
Book A1—133—Aug. 26, 1747.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Christian Oyster being very sick and weak  
of body, yet of perfect mind and memory, etc.,  
etc.

FIRST:—I recommend my soul into the hands  
of God who gave it and my body to the earth,  
to be buried in a Christian like and decent man-  
ner, at the discretion of my friends and as for  
my worldly substance, wherewith it has pleased  
God to bless me, I dispose and bequeath the  
same as follows:—

ITEM:—I give to my beloved wife Margaret

all and singular my goods, chattels, lands and  
household stuff during her widowhood.

ITEM:—I will and desire if she marries another,  
that everything be appraised and sold and  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  
my wife; other  $\frac{2}{3}$  to my children.

I appoint my wife Margaret sole Executrix.

CHRISTIAN (OYSTER) EYSTER ESTATE

Book A—41—1749.

Came into Court: Elias Eyster eldest son of  
Christian, late of Manchester Twp., dec., chose  
Christopher Schlegel of York (turner) as his  
guardian.

1749.

Came into Court Martin Miller and Margaret  
his wife, late widow of C. Eyster, dec. (née  
Schmeisser), prayed for guardian of George and  
Christian Eyster, children of Christian, dec.  
Court appointed Christian Lau and Christopher  
Schlegel.

Book B—2—3—1763.

Came into Court Martin Miller m—to Margaret  
Eyster née Schmeisser, widow of C. Eyster,  
executrix of his will, as settled by Thomas Cook-  
son of Lancaster Co., Pa., Deputy Register, etc.,  
a balance of 535 lbs. 6 pence—distribution to  
wit:—178 lbs. 6 sh. 10 pence to the widow—her  
husband Martin Miller received his wife's share:  
To Elias Eyster 10 lbs. 15 sh. 7 p. To George  
Eyster, another son, same. To Michael Sprenkle



in right of his wife Hannah Eyster, a daug.—  
To Margaret Hidler only child of Eliz. Eyster,  
another daug.; To Christina Sprenkle only child  
of Margaret, dec., a daug., and to Christian  
Eyster, youngest son of Christian Eyster, dec.,  
married to Margaret Schmeisser. Their children  
are

1. Elias Eyster, m—Anna Maria Lau
2. George Eyster, m—Anna Christina  
Altland
3. Hannah Eyster, m—Peter Sprenkle
4. Elizabeth Eyster, m—Jacob Heidler

*Child 1*

1. Margaret Heidler
5. Margaret Eyster, m—Michael Sprenkle

*Child 1*

1. Christina Sprenkle
6. Christian Eyster

Orphans' Court.

Book B—3—1763.

Came into Court: Martin Miller married to  
Margaret Oyster (Eyster), née Schmeisser,  
widow of Christian Eyster, dec. Elias Eyster  
eldest son, George a son, Peter Sprenkle m—Han-  
nah Eyster a daug. of dec., exhibited to Court  
report of men appointed to value his real estate.

1ST We do allot to Elias Eyster two tracts of  
land of dec., one includes the late dwelling house,  
etc., etc., adj. Jacob Zeigler, John Seiles, 254  
acres, other tract situated in Manchester Twp.,  
50 acres, value 270 lbs.

2ND We do allot to Geo. Eyster the following  
tract of land adj. George Conrad; Frederick  
Remor; Franz Jacob Miller; John Emig by lines  
dividing this part from other lands of said dec.,  
5 courses, etc., 254 acres, value 190 lbs.

3RD We do allot to Hannah Eyster, wife of  
Peter Sprenkle, a daug. of dec., a tract of land  
in Manheim Twp. adj. Christian Backman, John  
Nicholas, a part of Barrens 66 acres, value 10 lbs.

4TH We do allot to Margaret Heidler, only  
child of Elizabeth Heidler, dec. (said Elizabeth  
daug. of said Christian Eyster, dec.), by her  
late husband Jacob Heidler, land in Manheim  
Twp. adj. Franz Jacob Miller; Jacob Pechtler; by  
barrens, George Buck—65 acres, value 20 lbs.

5TH We do allot to Michael Sprenkle and his  
late wife Margaret, tract of land in Codorus Twp.  
adj. Daniel Gramer—66 acres at 20 lbs. value.

6TH We do allot to Christian Eyster a lot of  
ground East side of Beaver St. in town of York,

No. 82—57 feet 6 perch 240 ft. length with house  
thereon, value 15 lbs. submit to Court

Martin Eichelberger

George Meyer

Philip Zeigler

It was approved. Made equal distribution to  
all the children and grandchildren.

Page 98, Gibson's History of York Co., Pa.

Lancaster, Apr. 24, 1750.

To George Stevenson, Esq., at York, Pa.

Sir:—Christian Oyster (Eyster) in his life time  
entered for a lot in York No. 82. The time for  
building expired but no new entry was made  
until lately, as I understood, with you.

The widow is since married, and her husband  
has put up logs for a house on the lot.

He told me, he applied to you and acquainted  
you with his intention of building and that you  
had promised him that no advantage should be  
taken of the forfeiture of the lot and that he  
might proceed to build and that since through  
neglect you have suffered another person to  
enter that lot, who insists on a right to it. I find  
that taking advantage of the forfeiture of lots,  
is a great spur to the peoples building. But  
where there is an intent and preparation for  
building, I would not be too strict on the for-  
feiture, as the sole intent is to have the town  
improved, etc., etc.

Thomas Cookson

Lancaster, Pa.

Margaret Schmeisser (Smyser) married Christian  
Oyster (Eyster), and after his death in 1747  
she later married Martin Miller

# 1. ELIAS EYSTER (OYSTER)

Aug. 6, 1734—1833

Lived Manchester Twp.

Buried at Wolf's Church

m—Aug. 6, 1754 to Anna Maria Lau, 1737—  
1781, daug. of Christman (or Christian) Lau

*Children 10*

1. J. George Eyster, June 6, 1757—
2. J. Michael Eyster, Oct. 10, 1766—
3. Elizabeth Eyster, Apr. 10, 1770—
4. J. Peter Eyster, Feb. 28, 1771—
5. J. Adam Eyster, Sept. 30, 1772—
6. Maria Catherine Eyster, Apr. 14, 1775—
7. William Eyster, Dec. 14, 1777—

See Wolf's Church Records.



8. Christian Eyster
9. Magdalena Eyster, m—Christopher Slagle, Jr.

*Children 2*

1. Catherine Slagle, m—Jacob Greensmere. Lived Trumbull Co., Ohio.
2. George Slagle  
Lived Berwick Twp., Adams Co.

10. Unknown

Recorder's Office.

Geo. Slagle release to John Wiest of Berwick Twp. Elias Eyster of Paradise in last will, etc., Geo. Slagle a legatee in right of his mother Magdalena who is a daug. of Elias dec.

Book Q—150—1829, Apr. 7.

Elias Eyster of West Manchester.

To wife Anna Maria—she has equal right to dwelling house and farm—has sons Adam and William, lands part in West Manchester and Paradise Twp. It was in two tracts, now in 4 smaller ones.

To son Adam 139 acres 152 perch part of his plantation and 19 acres 38 perch smaller tract, value 1500 lbs.—300 for himself; To son William other two pieces whereon is new house 122 acres 25 perch, smaller piece 36 acres 104 perch, value 1500 lbs. he to have 300.

800 lbs. to be paid to my 8 other children.

Executors Henry Wolf and son William.

Made 1807.

Witness: Johannes Laucks

Codicil 1826. Son William now dec., appoint George Slagle in his place.

1. J. GEORGE EYSTER

June 6, 1757—1836, June 9

Lived Straben Twp., Adams Co., Pa.

Farmer and tanner, soldier Rev. War

m—1780 Margaret Slagle, daug. of Jacob, of Christopher

*Children 2*

1. Jacob Eyster, June 8, 1782—1858, Mar. 24

2. Anna Maria Eyster, Apr. 8, 1784—

George Eyster who was in the Rev. War was captured at Ft. Washington and confined for some time on board a British Prison ship. In about 1783 they moved to within 5 miles of Gettysburg where son Jacob passed his youth and early manhood

1. GENERAL JACOB EYSTER

June 8, 1782—1858, Mar. 24

Lived Gettysburg and Harrisburg, Pa.

m—1810 to Mary Middlehoff of Adams Co. (1792—1867) granddaug. of Leonard of Conewago Twp.

*Children 2*

1. Juliana M. Eyster, m—May 6, 1833 by Rev. A. H. Lockman of York to Rev. Michael Jacobs, Prof. Mathematics, Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg

2. Alfred Eyster, Aug. 28, 1828—  
Lived Harrisburg, Pa.  
m—Sept. 8, 1868 Alice Kindig  
Alfred Eyster graduated from Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg 1849

Ref.: Egle, Pennsylvania Genealogy, under Kindig of Swatara, Page 301.

He studied medicine with Dr. George Dock. Later in drug business

Taught in public schools of Harrisburg until 1862, when he was made chief clerk in the Provost Marshal's office, 14th district. In 1865 detailed to take charge of records of the office in Western Pennsylvania

*Child 1*

1. Bertha Mary Eyster, b Aug. 19, 1869—

General Jacob Eyster, June 8, 1782—1858, Mar. 24, eldest son of George Eyster and his wife Margaret Slagle, was born near Hanover

When first enrolled in the militia of Adams Co., he was appointed 1st sergeant, rose to be captain, then major, and in 1814 was appointed, by Governor Snyder, Brigadier General of 2nd Brigade, 5th Division, Pennsylvania Militia.

During the invasion of Maryland by the British, he was employed by the Secretary of War Armstrong in distributing and forwarding arms and supplies to the militia who were called into service.

In 1811 he moved to Gettysburg and engaged in mercantile pursuits.

In 1818 he was a candidate for the House of Representatives, defeated by 62 votes, while the remainder of the Democratic ticket fell from 300 to 1400 behind.



In 1819 was nominated State Senator for unexpired term. He was elected, and re-elected for full term. Previous to the nomination of Governor Shultz, he was spoken of as a candidate. In 1822 he moved to Harrisburg, in 1824 resigned his seat in the Senate and was appointed Deputy Surveyor General, an office he retained for 15 years.

He later became cashier of a bank in Hagerstown, Md., but after one year returned to Harrisburg, Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life. He died Mar. 24, 1858.

A worthy man and a good citizen.

2. MICHAEL EYSTER (OF ELIAS)  
1766, Oct. 10—  
Lived in 1829 Muskingum Co., Ohio  
m—

4. JOHN PETER EYSTER  
Feb. 28, 1771—  
Lived Columbiana Co., Ohio

Ref.: 3I—100—1826. York.

To all People: I Peter Eyster of Columbiana Co., Ohio, one of the sons of Elias Eyster of W. Manchester, etc.—Sold his share of his fathers estate to Adam Eyster, etc., etc.

5. J. ADAM EYSTER  
Sept. 30, 1772—1850, Dec. 31  
m—Nov. 21, 1797 Elizabeth Emig (Jan. 8, 1776—1843, June 11)  
She was the daug. of John and Eve (Spengler) Emig

*Children 6*

1. Adam Eyster, Jr.
2. Jacob Eyster
3. Eva Eyster
4. Samuel Eyster
5. Peter Eyster
6. Rev. Michael Eyster

1. ADAM EYSTER, JR.  
1805—1861, Mar. 4  
m—
2. JACOB EYSTER  
m—Rebecca Sellers, 1802—1885

*Children 8*

1. John Eyster
2. Israel Eyster

3. Henry Eyster
4. Peter Eyster
5. George A. Eyster, m—1865 Sarah Harbold
6. Anna Eyster, m—Peter Eisenhart, East Berlin
7. Caroline Eyster, m—Wm. Bott New Oxford
8. Adam Eyster

5. GEORGE A. EYSTER  
Lived Jackson Twp. Supervisor  
m—1865 Sarah Harbold, daug. of John of York Co.

*Children 2*

1. Charles L. Eyster  
b July 6, 1866  
Lives Jackson Twp.  
Member Lutheran Church  
m—Dec. 2, 1888 to Emma J. Whitman, daug. of Daniel

*Children 2*

1. Harry E. Eyster
2. George D. Eyster
2. Name unknown

3. EVA EYSTER  
Dec. 12, 1815—1906, Mar. 13  
m—July 30, 1833 Rev. Daniel Ziegler, D.D. (b Nov. 11, 1804 at Reading, Pa.; died June 23, 1876 at York, Pa.)  
Rev. Daniel Ziegler, D.D., clergyman and entomologist, was the son of John and Mary M. (Koch) Ziegler. He was born at Reading, and raised at New Berlin, Union Co., Pa. At the age of twenty-one years he entered the University of Penna. and later came to York as a student of theology in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church. In 1828 he was chosen pastor of the Kreutz Creek charge, and continued his services at that charge for a period of thirty-seven years, and served eighteen years as pastor of the German Reformed Church at York, from 1862 to 1875. Early in his ministerial work he turned his attention to the science of entomology, and became quite proficient in classifying insects, and in the study of their characteristics. He entered into correspondence with many noted personages, who were interested with him in same department of scientific investigation

*Children 3*

1. John Linneaus Ziegler

2. Dr. Henry Augustus Ziegler

3. Emma Ziegler

1. JOHN LINNEAUS ZIEGLER

b Jan. 8, 1837 at York, Pa.; died Sept. 1, 1895 at Yellow Pine, La.

m—Sept. 13, 1860 Sarah Ellen Wolf (b Feb. 8, 1840 at York, Pa.; died July 3, 1921 at W. Frankfort, Ky.)

She was the daug. of Henry and — Wolf  
John L. Ziegler was a prominent lumberman in the South

*Children 12*

A. Emma Elizabeth Ziegler

B. Ida Martha Eve Ziegler

C. Sallie Ann Ziegler

D. Daniel Henry Ziegler

E. John David Ziegler

F. Margaret Ziegler

G. Mary Adeline Ziegler

H. Amanda Jane Ziegler

I. Thadius Ziegler

J. Albert Ziegler

K. Landon Thomas Ziegler

L. Orrena Ruth Ziegler

A. EMMA ELIZABETH ZIEGLER

b Aug. 13, 1861 at Bagdad, Shelby Co., Ky.;  
died July 27, 1916 at W. Frankfort, Ky.

m—Nov. 16, 1881 Franklin P. Lewis

*Child 1*

1. Nellie Lewis, m—Samuel Buford

*Children 4*

1. Christine Buford, single

2. Pauline Buford, single

3. Samuel Buford, single

4. Emma Buford, dec.

B. IDA MARTHA EVE ZIEGLER

b Oct. 26, 1862 at Benson, Franklin Co., Ky.;  
died Nov. 6, 1890 at York, Pa.

m—Mar. 23, 1887 Charles Edw. Reisinger  
(b Sept. 3, 1860; died —)

He was the son of William and Mary Ann  
(Dick) Reisinger; Chas. Reisinger's 2nd wife  
was Anna Magdalene Rudy. There are *no*  
*children* to this union. Mr. Reisinger was the  
leading carriage builder of York

*Children 3*

a. Mamie Edna Reisinger, b Feb. 22, 1888;  
died—

m—June 19, 1916 Allen Lloyd Julius  
(b Apr. 21, 1891). He was the son of  
James and Sarah (Eisenhart) Julius

*Children 3*

1. Margurete Elizabeth, b Mar. 25,  
1917

2. Mary Katherine, b June 26, 1921

3. Dorothy Reisinger, b Sept. 1, 1923

b. Landon Thos. Reisinger, b Aug. 29,  
1889; died —

m—Nov. 10, 1913 Lydia Ann Smith  
(b Aug. 13, 1891; died—) at Annapolis,  
Md.

She was the daug. of Sheldon Fernando  
and Harriet Jane (Harnish) Smith

*Children 3*

1. Landon Chas. Reisinger, b Oct. 21,  
1914

Landon Chas. will graduate in the  
class of 1932, York High School

2. Robert Edw. Reisinger, b Apr. 18,  
1921

3. Eleanor Louise Reisinger, b Apr. 5,  
1924

c. Chas. Edw. Reisinger, b Oct. 30, 1890;  
died Nov. 11, 1890

C. SALLIE ANN ZIEGLER

b Mar. 4, 1864 at Benson, Franklin Co., Ky.;  
died—

m—Aug. 6, 1884 John B. Meek

*No Children*

D. DANIEL HENRY ZIEGLER

b May 1, 1865 at Flat Creek, Franklin Co.,  
Ky.; died—

Bachelor

E. JOHN DAVID ZIEGLER

b Jan. 31, 1867 at Flat Creek, Franklin Co.,  
Ky.

Bachelor

Mr. Ziegler is an interior decorator living in  
New York, N. Y.

F. MARGARET ZIEGLER

b Apr. 26, 1869 at Frankfort, Ky.; died June  
2, 1869 at Frankfort, Ky.

G. MARY ADELINE ZIEGLER

b June 25, 1870 at Frankfort, Ky.; died Sept.  
7, 1929 at Louisville, Ky.

m—Alonzo Hammock

*Children 3*

a. John Ziegler Hammock, m—Catherine  
Goodman

b. Samuel Ziegler Hammock, m—Margaret

c. Sallie Catherine Hammock, m—George  
Mann



*Child 1*

1. Jean Margaret Mann

H. AMANDA JANE ZIEGLER

b Aug. 22, 1872 at Frankfort, Ky.; died Dec. 16, 1923 at Central, Ind.

m—E. Barringer

*Children 3*

- a. William Barringer, dec.
- b. Emma Barringer
- c. Mary Barringer

I. THADIUS ZIEGLER

b Nov. 8, 1874 at Frankfort, Ky.; died—  
Bachelor

J. ALBERT ZIEGLER

b May 18, 1876 at Frankfort, Ky.; died—  
m—

*No Children*

K. LANDON THOS. ZIEGLER

b Dec. 4, 1879 at Frankfort, Ky.; died—  
m—Cleo

*No Children*

L. ORRENA RUTH ZIEGLER

b May 10, 1881 at Frankfort, Ky.; died May 10, 1882 at Frankfort, Ky.

2. DR. HENRY AUGUSTUS ZIEGLER (OF EVA EYSTER)

m—Ella Fahs, daug. of John and Catherine  
( ) Fahs

*Children 4*

- A. Bessie May Ziegler, m—John Joseph Grove

*Children 3*

1. John Fahs Grove
2. Robert Edward Grove
3. Betty Mary Grove

- B. Hattie Ellen Ziegler, m—George Wiesman

*No Children*

- C. Margaret Elizabeth Ziegler, m—John L. Wood

*Children 6*

1. Louis Wood, m—Louise
2. John Wood
3. Fred Wood
4. George Wood
5. Mary Louise Wood
6. Annabeth Wood

- D. Julia Ziegler, dec.

3. EMMA ZIEGLER

m—Augustus Loucks

*No Children*

Will Book Z—685—1876. Probated June 13.

Rev. Daniel Ziegler of York, Pa., minister of the Gospel. To be buried Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Leaves a widow Eve and 3 children.

1. John L. Ziegler.

2. Emma Louise Ziegler, m—Augustus Loucks.

3. Henry Augustus Ziegler, who is to have 600. less than other two children.

Executors my wife and nephew Edward D. Ziegler.

Made Dec. 30, 1874.

7. WILLIAM EYSTER (OF ELIAS)

Dec. 14, 1777—1824, Sept. 6

Lived West Manchester Twp.

m—180 to Elizabeth Spangler, Nov. 15, 1785—1849, Jan. 7

*Children 5*

1. Michael Eyster, Sept. 15, 1808—1881, June 23

2. Rebecca Eyster, m—Mar. 25, 1831 David Smyser

3. John Eyster

4. Catherine Eyster, m—Adam Herman

5. Name unknown

1. MICHAEL EYSTER

Sept. 15, 1808—1881, June 23

Lived W. Manchester Twp., York Co.

m—Sarah Catherine Emig

*Children 4*

1. Sarah Eyster, single

2. William Eyster, 1841—1905, Feb. 11

3. Michael Eyster, Jr.

4. Martin Eyster

Will of Michael Eyster, W. Manchester Twp. Book BB—612—1882. Probated Feb. 9.

ITEM:—To son Michael, my farm with all improvements in W. Manchester Twp. adj. son Wm. Eyster, Michael Smyser, and George Sprenkle.

My other farm to son Martin Eyster, 75 acres 110 perch. Charges son Michael 125 per acre or 9460.93, he to retain 300 extra for services + 6000 his share, thereby making him equal to son William. Michael to pay annual 1 year after my death 316.09 to Dower fund for Rebecca, widow of Jacob Eyster my son, dec. To son Martin, farm in W. Manchester adj. Wolf's church and George

Sprenkle, 125 per acre or 9426.56 he to keep 1500 for service rendered + 6000 to make him even with Michael and William, he to pay 192.65 to Rebecca, widow of Jacob Eyster, to be the principal of said dower, after all expenses are paid.

Executors: Three sons; made Mar. 9, 1878.

He died June 23, 1881

2. WILLIAM EYSTER

—1905, Feb. 11

Lived 444 West Market St., York

County treasurer and iron manufacturer

m—Dec. 24, 1865 Leah Spangler, daug. of Rudolph

See Spangler Annals.

*Children 4*

1. Edward Rudolph Eyster, Dec. 11, 1866—1867, Aug. 26

2. Sarah C. Eyster

3. Annie Eyster

4. A. Franklin Eyster, lived York, Springettsbury Ave.

m—Susan Smyser Myers

*Children 3*

1. William Myers Eyster

2. Franklin Spangler Eyster

In 1930 the two young men were students at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

3. Susan Ellen Smyser Eyster, Y. C. I.

2. SARAH C. EYSTER

Lived York

m—George Weiser

*Children 2*

1. Anna Weiser

2. Frank A. Weiser, b 1882

3. MICHAEL EYSTER, JR. (OF MICHAEL)

1841—1888, July 24

Lived on his father's farm in West Manchester Twp.

m—Sue Lau; she moved to Detroit, Mich., after her husband's death

*Children 4*

1. Irvin Luther Eyster

2. George William Eyster

3. Arthur Michael Eyster

4. Elmer W. Eyster

Will of Michael Eyster, Jr.

Book EE—476—1888. Probated, July 31.

ITEM: Wife Susannah all real and personal estate, until youngest child is 21 yrs.

My children are: Irvin Luther; George W.; Arthur Michael; E. W.

Wife Susannah sole executor.

He died July 24, 1888

4. MARTIN EYSTER

Lives on other farm of his father, 75 acres 110 perch

m—Caroline Lauer

*Child 1*

1. Paul Eyster

2. REBECCA EYSTER (OF WILLIAM)

1811—1900, Feb. 3

Lived W. Manchester Twp.

m—Mar. 25, 1831 David Smyser

Ref.: Book 3M—115—1833.

*Children 10*

1. Eliza Smyser, single

2. Martin Smyser

3. Sarah A. Smyser, m—Michael Emig

4. Louisa (Lucy) Smyser

5. Henry H. Smyser, July 16, 1840—

6. Mary Ann Smyser, 1843—1879, Feb. 4

Lived York

m—Samuel Bowman. No issue

He received \$9,735 from his wife's father

Later m 2nd—and moved west

7. Jacob Mathias Smyser, Mar. 18, 1845—

8. Amanda Smyser

9. Charles E. Smyser, m—Mary A. Hake daug. of Martin

10. D. Albert Smyser, bachelor

7. JACOB MATHIAS SMYSER

Lived W. Manchester Twp., York Co., and East Berlin

m—Amanda Smyser, daug. of Adam and wife Elizabeth Brillinger

*Children 7*

1. Nettie E. Smyser

2. Annie R. Smyser

3. Howard D. Smyser

4. Mathias Smyser

5. Mary Smyser

6. Adam Smyser

7. Lucy E. Smyser

See Mathias Smyser line.

3. JOHN EYSTER (OF WILLIAM)

m—Susan Eisenhart (sister of Kerwin and



Dr. Charles), W. Manchester Twp. and East Berlin, Adams Co.

*Children 4*

1. Minnie Eyster  
Lived Hanover, Pa.  
m—Samuel Wertz
2. Jacob Eyster
3. Rev. Charles Eyster  
Lutheran Church  
Lived Baltimore, Md. m—
4. Eliza Eyster, m—Spangler

4. CATHERINE EYSTER  
m—Adam Herman

*Children 5*

1. Sarah Eyster Herman
2. Charles Herman
3. Emanuel Herman
4. William Herman
5. Jacob Herman

1. SARAH E. HERMAN  
Lived Spring Grove, Pa.  
m—Edward Glatfelter

*Children 5*

1. Laura C. Glatfelter, b 1866  
Lives Grand Island, Neb.  
m—William Loucks, freight agent, Union Pacific R. R. No issue
2. Harvey E. Glatfelter, b 1869  
Dentist  
Lives Central City, Neb.  
m—Nancy Fonts. No issue
3. Lucy K. Glatfelter, b 1871  
Lives Spring Grove  
m—McClellan Kraft, agent for the Pennsylvania R. R.

*Child 1*

1. Helen Kraft
4. Nettie J. Glatfelter, 1873—1892
5. Sadie Glatfelter, b 1875  
Single in 1930

8. CHRISTIAN EYSTER (OF ELIAS)  
Lived Chambersburg, Pa.  
m—

*Children 6*

1. Peter Eyster, Franklin Twp., Franklin Co., Pa.
2. George S. Eyster, Franklin Twp., Franklin Co., Pa.
3. Margaret Eyster  
Lived Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.  
m—Alexander Flack, same place

4. Christian Eyster, Wooster, Payne Co., Ohio

5. Catherine Eyster, m—George Kline  
Lived Mercer Co., Pa.

6. Jacob Eyster

Ref.: 3L—336—1830. Recorder's Office, York.

2. GEORGE S. EYSTER  
—1858 Mar.  
Lived Chambersburg, Pa.  
m—Maria M.

*Children 8*

1. J. Allison Eyster
2. James Cooper Eyster
3. Annie Elizabeth Eyster, m—John Scott
4. George Eyster
5. William Eyster
6. Frederick Eyster
7. Christian Eyster
8. Mary Eyster

George S. Eyster died Mar. 1858 in Chambersburg in his 63rd year. He was one of the leading merchants of that town

Will of George S. Eyster (of Christian) of Chambersburg, Pa., Merchant.

Book F—251—1858, Mar. 19.

ITEM:—Beloved wife Maria M. Eyster to have comfortable maintenance. Dwelling house free or another must be provided for her, not to exceed 2000. She to have 300 provided by law and anything else in the house.

ITEM:—To my wife to have 700 annually to maintain the home. Executors to hold 8 shares of my stock in Bank of Chambersburg as investment of 400 at 6 per cent, etc.

ITEM:—To each of my children 8 shares of Bank stock.

ITEM:—2 shares of Bank stock to Mary Myers as reward for kindness and fidelity to my family.

ITEM:—To son J. Allison Eyster, family Bible and Clock.

ITEM:—To son James Eyster, Scott's family Bible.

ITEM:—To son George Eyster, copy of Niles Register.

ITEM:—To daug. Annie E. Scott 4 vol., to son William Eyster 4 vol., to son Frederick Eyster 4 vol., to son Christian Eyster watch, to son-in-law John Scott 4 vol.

ITEM:—Real Estate to all my children. To wit:— $\frac{1}{8}$  to Joseph Allison Eyster,  $\frac{1}{8}$  to James Cooper Eyster,  $\frac{1}{8}$  to Annie Elizabeth Scott,  $\frac{1}{8}$  to George Eyster,  $\frac{1}{8}$  to William Eyster,  $\frac{1}{8}$  to Frederick Eyster,  $\frac{1}{8}$  to Christian Eyster,  $\frac{1}{8}$  to Mary Eyster.

Executors:—Sons J. Allison; James C.; George and son-in-law John Scott.

Probated Mar. 31, 1858.

1. JOSEPH ALLISON EYSTER  
—1900

Lived Chambersburg, Pa.

m—Elizabeth Heyser

*Children 4*

1. Ruth Eyster
2. Mary Eyster
3. Bess Eyster
4. Elizabeth Eyster

Will of J. Allison Eyster.

Will Book P—256—1900. Of Chambersburg, Pa.

ITEM:—To Sigmund Taylor 200. on condition he be my servant until my death.

ITEM:—All the residue and remainder to my wife Elizabeth Heyser Eyster absolutely—trusting her discretion to give to our children at her death.

Executrix:—Elizabeth Heyser Eyster.

Will of Ruth Eyster (of Joseph Allison Eyster)  
Will Book Y—605—1922, Mar. 8.

ITEM:—To sister Mary  $\frac{1}{2}$  of house and 100. To sister Bess 100. Residue to sister Elizabeth Eyster.

Executrix:—Sister Elizabeth.

Probated Aug. 11, 1922.

2. GEORGE EYSTER (OF CHRISTIAN OYSTER)  
1741—1810

Lived West Manchester Twp.

m—1760 Anna Christina Altland (Aug. 23, 1743—1825, Dec. 4), daug. of Jacob and his wife

*Children 7*

1. John George Eyster, Jr., Aug. 23, 1762—1831, Oct. 19
2. John Peter Eyster, Sept. 22, 1764—1804
3. Magdalena Eyster, Sept. 8, 1769—1797
4. Margretta Eyster, Mar. 22, 1773—
5. Elizabeth Eyster, 1776—1849
6. John Eyster, Jan. 24, 1779—1796

7. Anna Maria Eyster, Mar. 1782—  
m—Apr. 26, 1808 Adam Ebert

1. JOHN GEORGE EYSTER, JR.

Aug. 23, 1762—1831, Oct. 19

m—Magdalena Slagle, daug. of Jacob and wife Catherine Clay

*Children (only one known)*

1. Jacob Eyster, June 8, 1782—

2. JOHN PETER EYSTER

Sept. 22, 1764—1804, Jan. 19

Lived Paradise Twp.

m—A. Maria Catherine, Dec. 26, 1765—1844, Dec. 10

Ref.: Wolf's Cemetery.

Book L—32—1804, Feb. 11.

I Peter Eyster of Paradise Twp., etc., etc.

ITEM:—I give to my beloved wife Catherine to her heirs, etc., the little plantation I bought from Francis Lamoth adj. Michael Fishel; John Wiest; etc., 57 acres.

ITEM:—I give to my son George the plantation whereon I now dwell adj. Michael Lau; Geo. Eyster, Sr.; 140 acres.

ITEM:—I give to my daug. Elizabeth all that plantation adj. Michael Fishel; Tempest Tucker; and Michael Gross; 130 acres. Divide remainder between wife Catherine; son George; daug. Elizabeth.

ITEM:—It is further my will my servant boy have 100. ready money for a freedom suit, if he serves with my family until he is free.

Executors Wife Catherine and Henry Wolf.

Book S—415—1839.

I Anna Catherine Eyster, widow of Peter of Paradise Twp., etc.

ITEM:—To son George all my dwelling plantation, 41 acres; all timber land, 15 acres, \$1050.00.

ITEM:—To children of daughter Elizabeth married to John Wiest, now both dec.—Joseph Wiest 150; Catherine Wiest 150, m—to Daniel Smyser; To Jacob Wiest 150; To Peter Wiest 150; To Henry Wiest 150; To Michael Wiest 150; To Leah Wiest 150.

Executor: Son George Eyster.

*Children 2*

1. George Eyster, 1790—1870
2. Elizabeth Eyster, 1792—1834



1. GEORGE EYSTER (OF JOHN PETER)  
1790—1870  
m—Christina Myers, 1794—1858  
Buried Wolf's Church

*Children 7*

1. Peter Eyster, moved to Adams Co.  
m—Eliza Hoke
2. Michael Eyster. m 1st—  
m 2nd—
3. Elizabeth Eyster, m—Adam Herman
4. Leah Eyster, m—Peter Lint
5. Susan Eyster, m—John Smyser
6. Catherine Eyster, m—John Spangler
7. George Eyster, Jr.

Ref.: Will of George Eyster.  
Book X—625—1870.

4. LEAH EYSTER  
—1864  
m—1852 Peter Lint

*Children 5*

1. Peter Franklin Lint
2. George Edward Lint
3. Christopher C. Lint (called C. C.)
4. Jennie E. Lint
5. Annie Lint

1. PETER FRANKLIN LINT  
Moved to California in 187—  
Lives (1930) in Los Gatos, Santa Clara Co.,  
Calif.  
m—Nov. 11, 1880 in San Francisco to Bertha  
Emma Eickhorn, —1927

*Children 5*

1. Bertha Lint, b Oct. 11, 1881, dec.
2. Jennie Leah Lint, b Aug. 4, 1883
3. Alma Elsie Lint, b Oct. 22, 1885
4. Peter Henry Lint, b Nov. 24, 1887  
All b in San Francisco
5. Walter Edward Lint, b Apr. 10, 1891  
in Los Gatos

2. JENNIE LEAH LINT  
b Aug. 4, 1883  
Lives 3002 Hibiscus Drive, Honolulu, T. H.  
m—Apr. 6, 1904 at Los Gatos, Calif., to  
Robert Christie McLean, son of George  
Christie McLean and wife Mary Ann Heald of  
Bolton, Lancashire, England, b Aug. 15, 1830

*Children 2*

1. Charlotte Leah McLean, b Jan. 4, 1906  
in San Francisco  
m—July 10, 1926 in Honolulu, T. H., to  
Douglas Alexander Cooke, son of Joseph

Platt Cooke and his wife Maud Baldwin  
Lived in Palo Alto, Calif.; now in Hono-  
lulu, T. H.

2. Robert Jadwin McLean, b Jan. 16, 1911  
in Berkeley, Calif.

3. ALMA ELSIE LINT  
m—Apr. 14, 1909 at Los Gatos, Calif., to  
Harry Leland Groves, son of James Oscar  
Groves and wife Pearl Minnie Hanley  
Live 151—22nd Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

*Children 2*

1. Jennie Lowell Groves, b July 19, 1914
2. Barbara Groves, b Sept. 30, 1916 at  
Berkeley, Calif.

Harry L. Groves is purchasing agent for the  
Portland Cement Co.

4. PETER HENRY LINT  
Lives San Jose, Calif.  
m—Mar. 5, 1909 in San Francisco to Frances  
Galpin

*Children 4*

1. Peter Galpin Lint, b Dec. 10, 1909
2. Julia Lint, b Feb. 23, 1913
3. Robert Lint, b Aug. 23, 1915
4. Gloria Galpin Lint, b Feb. 21, 1930

5. WALTER EDWARD LINT  
Lives Los Gatos, Calif.  
m—June 14, 1913 in Los Gatos to Carrie  
Chrisman

*Children 2*

1. Virginia Lint, b Mar. 1, 1914
2. Edward Charles Lint, b Oct. 7, 1916

2. GEORGE EDWARD LINT (OF LEAH EYSTER)  
Lives Santa Cruz, Calif. Bachelor
3. CHRISTOPHER C. LINT (CALLED C. C.)  
Lives Los Gatos, Calif.  
m—Emma Reese. No issue

4. JENNIE E. LINT  
Single  
Lives in York with her sister Annie

5. ANNIE LINT  
Single  
Lives 327 West Market St., York

5. SUSAN EYSTER (OF GEORGE, OF JOHN PETER)  
Lived York Co.  
m—John Smyser (May 20, 1807—1871, Mar.  
20), 11th son of Peter and his wife Barbara  
Wolf

*Children 5*

1. Henry E. Smyser, lives Philadelphia;  
went there when he was only 18 yrs. old  
m—Cora Coe of Philadelphia

*Child 1*

1. Walter Smyser, died at 24 yrs. of  
age
2. Amanda Smyser  
m—Martin Smyser, son of Michael 3rd  
and Christine Eisenhart

*Child 1*

1. Harry Smyser, died June 1922
3. Ellen Smyser, m—Dr. John Wiest  
No issue
4. Lydia Smyser, lives Altoona, Pa.  
m—Henry H. Herr. No issue
5. Savilla Smyser, lives Oak Lane, North  
Philadelphia  
m—John Baughman

*Children 2*

1. John Smyser Baughman, m—  
No issue
2. Ruth Louise Baughman, lives  
Devil's Lake, N. Dakota  
m—Robert C. Collison

*Children 2*

1. Jane Collison
2. Ruth Louise Collison

6. CATHERINE EYSTER (OF GEORGE, OF JOHN  
PETER)

m—John Spangler of Mt. Royal, Dover Twp.,  
York Co., Pa., son of Jonas and wife Sarah  
Sharp

Ref.: Spangler Annals, page 27.

*Children 4*

1. Sarah Elizabeth Spangler  
m 1st—John Elicker

*Children 2*

1. George Elicker, m—

*Children 2*

1. Mary Elicker
2. Jane Elicker
2. Paul Elicker  
m 2nd—Henry Hubley

*Children 7*

1. Elizabeth Hubley, m—Elmer Alt-  
land

*Children 2*

1. Minnie Marie Altland

2. Anna Margaret Altland, m—  
Paul Y. Livingston

*Children 2*: John Paul Living-  
ston and Pamela Anna  
Livingston

2. Lillie Ann Hubley, m—Wm. Reif  
1 *Child*

3. Frank Hubley, m—Lily White  
*Child 1*

1. Frances Hubley

4. William Hubley, m—  
*Child 1*

1. Richard Hubley

5. Allen Hubley, m—Myrtle S.  
*Children 2*

1. Eugene Hubley

2. Josephine Hubley

6. Daniel Hubley, m—Rose Gross  
*Children 3*

1. Josephine Hubley

m—Herlan Merkley

2. Curtis Hubley

3. George Hubley

7. Edward Hubley, m—  
*Child 1*

1. Annabell Hubley

2. Lydia Spangler, m—Wm. Ramsey  
*Child 1*

*Child 1*

1. John Ramsey

3. Amanda Spangler, m—Geo. W. Kopp  
*Children 2*

1. John Kopp

2. Samuel Kopp

4. Ella Spangler, m—Henry Kunkle

2. ELIZABETH EYSTER (OF JOHN PETER)

m—May 1808 to John Wiest, 1787—1837

*Children 7*

1. Joseph Wiest
2. Catherine Wiest, 1811—1886, June 8
3. Jacob Wiest
4. Peter Wiest
5. Henry Wiest
6. Michael Wiest
7. Leah Wiest

2. CATHERINE WIEST

Lived York Co. and York

m—Daniel Smyser, 1807—1862

Ref.: Book S—415— (of Wills).

*Children 5*

1. John Smyser, m—Caroline Bott

2. Mary Smyser, m—Andrew J. Myers



3. Michael D. Smyser, m—Lena Menges
4. Alexander D. Smyser  
m 1st—Louise Jane Yost  
m 2nd—Amanda Metzel
5. Louisa or Lucy Smyser, m—Dr. Jacob L. Gross  
Live near Belvidere on W. Market St., York
1. JOHN SMYSER  
1838—  
Lived York  
m—Caroline Bott, 1839—1918. 79—1—9  
*Children 3*
  1. Kerwin Smyser
  2. Edward C. Smyser
  3. Alice Smyser  
m—Jacob Herman Smyser, son of Daniel and wife Sarah Ann Herman  
*Child 1*
    1.  
m—Harvey Lehman of Wrightsville; live in Lancaster, Pa.
1. KERWIN SMYSER  
m 1st—Anna A. Menges, 1870—1916  
*Child 1 (Generation 8)*
  1. Wilbur Smyser, lives Dover Twp.  
m—Elsie Joseph  
*Children 5*
    1. Richard Smyser
    2. Helen Smyser
    3. Anna Mary Smyser
    4. Albert Smyser
    - 5.
- m 2nd—Mrs. Cora Lint, née Perago  
*Children 3*
  1. Roman Smyser, Los Angeles, Calif.
  2. Mary M. Smyser, single
  3. Virgin Smyser, lives York  
m—John Roth
2. EDWARD C. SMYSER  
m—Weaver  
Live Penna. Ave. near Carlisle Road, York
2. MARY SMYSER (OF CATHERINE WIEST)  
Lives Emigsville, Pa.  
m—Andrew J. Myers
3. MICHAEL D. SMYSER  
Mar. 27, 1842—  
Lived Jackson Twp. and Spring Grove, Pa.  
m—Apr. 15, 1866 Magdalena (or Lena) Menges, daug. of Henry and his wife Anna Gross, daug.

of Andrew (son of John and wife Magdalena Lau) and his wife Caroline Shanebrook

Ref.: Prowell's Hist. Biog., page 1047.

#### *Children 4*

1. Henry Howard Smyser
  2. Edith Ellen Smyser
  3. Andrew Willard Smyser
  4. Ada Mary Smyser
- Michael D. Smyser was in the Civil War, member of Company H, 200th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. One reference (Gibson's History) gives his wife as daug. of Andrew and wife Caroline Klinepeter
1. HENRY HOWARD SMYSER  
Lives W. Market St., York  
m—Elma Sunday. No issue
  2. EDITH ELLEN SMYSER  
Lives Spring Grove  
m—George F. Eyster, son of John Ammon and his wife Louisa F. Glatfelter  
*Child 1*
    1. Eugene Smyser Eyster, lives Spring Grove  
m—Florence Hershey  
*Children 2*
      1. Magdalena Eyster
      2. George Eyster
  3. ANDREW WILLARD SMYSER  
Lived Spring Grove and York, W. Market St.  
m—June 12, 1894 Flora K. Bott, daug. of William H. and wife Lucy Hoke  
*Child 1*
    1. Maurice B. Smyser, lives York  
m—May 11, 1918 Mary Elizabeth Brunhouse, daug. of Frederick W. and wife Annie Smyser  
*Children 2*
      1. William A. Smyser
      2. Mary Elizabeth Smyser
- Maurice B. Smyser was 1st Lieut. in the World War. Saw 11 months' service in France—79th Division under General Kuhns
4. ADA MARY SMYSER  
Lives Spring Grove  
m—James C. Overmiller, son of Emanuel of Glen Rock  
*Child 1*
    1. Howard Andrew Overmiller  
Lives Spring Grove  
m—June 19, 1924 Helen Bear, daug. of

Allen Bear and his wife Annie Kunkel  
He is (1930) teaching History in the Wm.  
Penn High School of York—his 8th year

4. ALEXANDER D. SMYSER (OF CATHERINE WIEST)  
b 1848 Jackson Twp.  
Lived W. Manchester Twp., Jackson Twp.  
and York, 703 West Market St.  
For years he was actively engaged in the stone  
and lime business near Emigsville.  
m 1st—1869 Louisa Jane Yost (Apr. 3, 1848—  
1880. 29 yrs.), daug. of Peter F. and his wife  
Sarah A. Bott

*Child 1*

1. Clayton A. Smyser  
Lives Phila. St., York  
m—Georgie Kissinger of Columbia,  
Lancaster Co., Pa.  
m 2nd—May 26, 1881 to Amanda Metzel,  
daug. of George and wife Mary Fishel of  
Dover Twp.

*Children 3*

1. Harry E. Smyser, died at 17 years
  2. Bertha Smyser
  3. Alexander Smyser
5. LOUISA OR LUCY A. SMYSER  
Lived Dover and York  
m—Dr. Jacob L. Gross, son of Samuel and  
wife Susanna Smyser of Jacob  
No issue

4. PETER WIEST (OF ELIZABETH EYSTER)  
Lived York  
In the mercantile business  
m—1844 to Catherine Lenhart of Dover Twp.

*Children 4*

1. Edward F. Wiest, 1852—1908
  2. Emma Wiest, single
  3. George L. Wiest
  4. Harry S. Wiest
1. EDWARD F. WIEST  
Lived York  
m—Alice Eichelberger (1850—1923). No issue.
3. GEORGE L. WIEST  
Lived York  
m—Kate E. Rebert

*Child 1*

1. Philip Robert Wiest, b Dec. 14, 1888  
He attended the Public Schools, the  
Mercersburg Academy, and the Virginia  
Military Institute

On finishing at the latter he returned  
to York and worked in his father's store,  
with the idea of learning the business  
and trade from the ground up.

He then decided to try farming, which  
he carried on for 5 years.

Later he became affiliated with the  
York Storage Battery Co., remaining 2  
years; then joined the force of W. M.  
Castle, in the auto business. Later  
realizing he could do better in business  
for himself, he became an agent for the  
Oakland Auto Co., with a territory  
covering all of York Co.

He has a garage and service station,  
where he employs 8 men.

A member of the Chamber of Com-  
merce; B. P. O. E.; York Co. Auto  
Association.

m—1916 Tennetta E. Seyler

*Child 1*

1. John F. Wiest

4. HARRY S. WIEST  
m—Minnie Owen

4. MARGARET (OR MARGRETTA) EYSTER (OF  
GEORGE, OF CHRISTIAN OYSTER)  
Mar. 20, 1773—  
m—Michael Lau

Book 3K—121—1828.

Know all men Michael Lau and Margaret  
his wife *née* Eyster, named in will of Christine  
Eyster, widow of George of West Manchester  
Twp.; Adam Ebert and Anna Maria his wife  
*née* Eyster, and George Eyster a son of George.  
(For full account see Smyser genealogy.)

5. ELIZABETH EYSTER  
1776—1849  
m—1804 Mathias Smyser, 1779—1840

*Children 4*

1. Elizabeth Smyser, Sept. 16, 1805—1829
2. Salome Smyser, Feb. 9, 1808—
3. Joseph Smyser, Feb. 1, 1809—
4. Samuel Smyser, Oct. 29, 1813—

7. ANNA MARIA EYSTER  
Mar. 9, 1782—1851, Mar. 11  
m—Apr. 26, 1808 Adam Ebert, Mar. 27,  
1783—1855, Mar. 24; died in N. Y.  
Buried Prospect Hill



*Children 4*

1. Henry Ebert, m—Sarah Smyser (1809—1884), daug. of Jacob and wife Elizabeth Emig  
Lived W. Manchester Twp.

*Children 5*

1. Charles Ebert, —1904, Jan. 16; died Kansas City, Mo.  
m—Laura Hoffman of Bucyrus, Ohio  
No issue
2. Anna Maria Ebert, single
3. Martin Luther Ebert, bachelor
4. Sarah Jane Ebert  
m—Rev. Charles Lanius of the Moravian Church, York  
3 Children

5. Henry A. Ebert, Dec. 10, 1841—1918, Dec. 11; died 1243 East Market St., York  
He developed Eberton, and it soon grew to have over 200 houses and a large manufacturing plant. It was incorporated as West York Borough, but is still known as Eberton  
Member Union Lutheran Church  
m—June 7, 1870 Mary Scheller, daug. of Dr. Adam Scheller, a prominent physician of Mt. Joy, Lancaster Co., Pa.

*Children 3*

1. Laura Ebert, single
  2. Ella V. Ebert, lives Germantown, Philadelphia  
m—James Wilbur Yates  
*Children 2*: Mary Scheller Yates and James Henry Yates
  3. Harry S. Ebert, realtor  
Trustee Presbyterian Church
2. Elizabeth Ebert, 1812—  
m—Jacob Brillinger, son of John
  3. Sarah Ebert, 1815—  
m—Martin Hoke, son of George and wife Susanna Ebert
  4. Martin Ebert, 1820—  
m—Sarah Eyster, daug. of Michael and wife Sarah Wolf

3. HANNAH EYSTER (OF CHRISTIAN OYSTER)  
Lived in York Co. to be 90 yrs. old  
m—Peter Sprenkle, —1789

*Children 8*

1. Peter Sprenkle, Jr.
  2. Michael Sprenkle
  3. Daniel Sprenkle
  4. George Sprenkle
  5. Magdalena Sprenkle
  6. Christina Sprenkle
  7. Dorothy Sprenkle
  8. Anna Sprenkle
6. CHRISTINA SPRENKLE  
m—Jacob Furry (Forry)  
*Child 1*
    1. Margaret Forry  
m—1807 Christian Bollinger  
5 Children (See Forry line, page 214.)

7. DOROTHY SPRENKLE  
m—Samuel Kindig
8. ANNA SPRENKLE  
m—John Forry (Furree), 1765—1814

*Children 10*

1. Peter Forry
2. Jacob Forry
3. John Forry
4. Magdalena Forry
5. Daniel Forry
6. David Forry
7. Anna Forry
8. Barbara Forry
9. George Forry
10. Benjamin Forry  
(See Forry line, page 214.)

4. ELIZABETH EYSTER (OF CHRISTIAN OYSTER)  
m—Jacob Heidler

*Child 1*

1. Margaret Heidler
5. MARGARET EYSTER  
m—Michael Sprenkle  
*Child 1*
    1. Christina Sprenkle

6. CHRISTIAN EYSTER  
Lived Manchester Twp.  
m—Catherine Wolf, daug. of Peter who died 1796. Christian Eyster was in the Revolutionary War

*Children 2*

1. Peter Eyster
  2. Margaret Eyster
- See Peter Wolf's will and release.

1. PETER EYSTER

1811—1871

m—Sarah Spangler (1814—1859), daug. of  
Jonas, of Joseph

*Children 6*

1. Louisa Eyster

m—Solomon Martin

2. Elizabeth Eyster

m—Alexander Spangler

3. Elias Eyster, m—Sarah Stover

4. Sarah Eyster, m—George Emig

5. Martin Eyster

6. Rev. Michael Eyster, lived Bedford, Pa.  
m—

*Children 2*

1. Emma Eyster

2. Barbara Eyster

Ref.: Spangler Annals.

3. ELIAS EYSTER

1840—

Lived Jackson Twp., then York

m—1861 Sarah Stover, daug. of Levi and  
Elizabeth Spangler, daug. of Jacob S.

*Children 3*

1. Emma J. Eyster

2. Elmyra E. Eyster

3. Peter E. Eyster

Elias Eyster, 3rd of 5 children born to Peter,  
Eyster (1811—1871) and his wife Sarah E.  
Spangler (1814—1859). He worked on his  
father's farm, then moved to York and began  
the hotel business at the American House,  
later changed to Eyster House

2. ELMYRA E. EYSTER

m—May 8, 1899 to Jacob H. Mellinger

No issue

(I have a great quantity of unclassified Eyster material.)





# MINUTES

of the

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION,

held by the descendants of

The Elder Matthias Smyser,

May 3rd, 1845,

on the farm of

SAMUEL SMYSER,

in

WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP,

YORK CO., PA.



The design of the following pages is merely to furnish an interesting family document to those who may come after us; and we would recommend to all of the descendants of the elder Matthias Smyser, who have this pamphlet in possession carefully to preserve the same, so that when another hundred years shall have passed by it may still be found, as its pages will doubtlessly then be much more interesting than at the present time, and if such can conveniently do so, would add in manuscript, incidents of their own respective branches, would render it still more interesting.

THE COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

## of the

# Celebration.

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A number of persons having met at the house of HENRY SMYSER, Esq., in the town of York, and all of them being descendants of MATTHIAS SMYSER the elder; the expediency of holding a centennial celebration in honor of their venerated ancestor was suggested, whereupon it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to hold such a celebration, and that a committee of four be appointed to carry it into effect, the committee having the power to increase its number if necessary.

The following named persons were appointed on said committee, *Joseph Smyser, John Emig, David Smyser*, and Maj. *Geo. Hay*.

A Committee was likewise appointed to prepare Resolutions for the occasion and procure persons to deliver addresses.—The members of this Committee were *Philip Smyser, Rev. S. Oswald*, and *Dr. H. M. M'Clellan*.

### SATURDAY MAY 3D, 1845.

The morning of this day was unusually fine, and from different sections of the country, and from town, might be seen many of the descendants of the above named Mathias Smyser wending their way towards the farm in West-Manchester Township, which a century before became the home of their ancestor. The following are the names of the persons present, which are recorded in the order of their several families:—

Jacob Smyser (of Mich.)	Jacob Smyser (of Maths.)
George Smyser	Elizabeth Smyser
Margaret Swope	Michl. Smyser sen.†

Mary Smyser	Cath. J. M'Clellan	Edward S. M'Clellan
John Emig sen.	Sarah Emig	Edward G. Smyser
Elizabeth Smyser	Philip Smyser	Sarah Jane Smyser
Susan Smyser	Henry Smyser	Geo. Philip Smyser
Catharine Smyser	Chas. M. Smyser	Henry M. Smyser
Martin Ebbert	Mary Ebbert	Rev. S. Oswald
Henry Ebbert	Daniel Ebbert	Susan L. Oswald
Adam Ebbert	Anna Mary Ebbert	Catha. S. Oswald
Col. Michl. Ebbert	Lydia Ebbert	Anna Maria Oswald
Helena Bailor	Anna Mary Sell	Valentine Emig
George Hoke	Susana Hoke	Rebecca Emig
Henry Smyser	(of Peter)	Samuel Gross
Adam Smyser	Jacob King	Susan Gross
Sarah King	Caroline E. King	Israel F. Gross
Wm. S. King	Arrabella S. King	Caroline Gross
Geo. Loucks	Sarah Loucks†	Michael Hay
Samuel S. Loucks	Israel Loucks	Eliza Smyser
David Smyser	Dr. H. M. M'Clellan	Ellenora Smyser
C. Louisa M'Clellan		Joseph Smyser
		Sarah Smyser
		Cath. L. E. Smyser
		Samuel Smyser, owner of the farm then and now.
		Geo. Hay
		Sarah Gortman
		Henry Ebert, Jr.
		Sarah Ebert
		Charles A. Ebert
		Anna Maria E. Ebert
		Daniel Eichelberger
		Rebecca Eichelberger
		Martin S. Eichelberger
		Elizabeth Eichelberger
		Geo. A. Barnitz Esq.

† Those marked thus † have since died.



Maria E. Barnitz	Michl. Smyser
Franklin H. Barnitz	(of Peter)
Michl. D. Barnitz	Elizabeth Smyser
Eliza Smyser	Daniel Smyser
Margaret Smyser	Jacob Smyser
Ellen Smyser	Wm. Henry Smyser
Eliza Smyser	Adam Bott
Albert Smyser	John Eyster Sen.
Michael Smyser Jr.	Elizabeth Eyster
Matilda Smyser	John Eyster Jr.
Rebecca Smyser	Jacob Smyser
Charles Smyser	(of John)
Rev. Charles Hay	Elizabeth Smyser
John Emig Jr.	Elizabeth Bixler
Sarah E. Emig	Joanna Baumgardner
Benjamin Myers	Eli Emig
Louisa Myers	Martha Emig
Ellen Myers	Catharine Hoke
Alex. Hay	Peter Lint
Michael Doudle	Elizabeth Lint
Sarah Doudle	Geo. Wogan
Ellen Doudle	Margaret Wogan
Anna Maria Doudle	John Smyser Jr.
Elizabeth Brillinger	(of Peter)
Daniel Smyser	Mary Dichl
(of Peter)	Israel Dichl
Sarah Smyser	Jeremiah Diehl
Amanda Smyser	Sarah A. E. Diehl
John Brillinger	George Smyser
Mrs. Brillinger	(of Peter)
Eliza Brillinger	Susanna Smyser
Amanda Brillinger	Edward Smyser
	George Smyser

About half past eleven o'clock, the meeting was called to order by Rev. S. Oswald, after which it was organized by the appointment of the following officers.—

GEORGE SMYSER, President.  
JACOB SMYSER, (of Mich'l) }  
MARTIN EBERT, } V. Prest's  
Philip Smyser, }  
S. Oswald } Secretaries.

The officers having been appointed, a recess of about one hour and a half was given, during which time the assembly partook of a sumptuous dinner provided for the occasion. Everything being in readiness the President again took the chair and after an appropriate prayer by Prof. Chas. A. Hay, the venerable chairman addressed the audience in substance as follows:—He said,

“That not being a public speaker they could not expect much from him, that he merely wished to thank them for the honor they had conferred upon him in appointing him to preside over them on so interesting an occasion and to say that he would try to discharge his duty to the best of his ability. I rejoice, said he, in seeing this day, and in being permitted to meet with you—it is a pleasant meeting to me—here I spent my childhood, and here I remember of having seen my grandfather, who took possession of this farm one hundred years ago—since that time great changes have taken place, some of the family have passed through the trying scenes of the Revolution, and others have filled important offices of trust in their time. I rejoice in being able to say that our family has generally been respectable, honest and industrious, and I hope that in all future time it may remain so. To conclude, I would again thank you, friends and brethren, for the honor you have done me in appointing me to preside at this family meeting.”

After the president had taken his seat the following preamble and resolutions were read and adopted:

Whereas, It appears from the deed now held by Samuel Smyser, that our ancestor, Matthias Smyser, became the possessor of the farm on which we are now assembled on the 3d day of May, 1745, and resided here to the day of his death, which occurred on the 12th day of April 1778—and now that we, a portion of his descendants, by the permission of an all-wise Providence, have met together this day to hold a centennial celebration,—Therefore,

Resolved, That we regard with profound gratitude the interesting privilege which we now enjoy, of meeting together at the homestead of our venerated ancestor, just one hundred years after he became its possessor, and that we humbly and gratefully acknowledge our obligations to God, the supreme disposer of events, for sparing us and permitting us to meet together here at this time.

Resolved, That we respectfully and gratefully cherish the memory of our common ancestor, especially on account of his flying from the civil and religious oppression of his fatherland in early life, and seeking a home and that freedom which he desired, on this Western Hemisphere, and consequently, we, his descendants, have our lots cast in pleasant places and are permitted to



breathe the air of freedom in a land of Republican Institutions.

Resolved that we have not come here with selfish views, or merely to eat, drink and be merry, but to manifest our grateful respect for the memory of our long since departed ancestor.

*Mr. Philip Smyser* then stated to the audience, that the committee appointed to procure some person or persons to address them on the occasion, had fixed upon *Daniel M. Smyser, Esq.* of Gettysburg, but remarked that he was sorry to say that he had just received a letter from him stating that he would not be able to be present.

This letter was then ordered to be read, together with another from Peter Diehl, of New Oxford—after the reading of these letters it was

Resolved, That they be incorporated in the proceedings of the meeting.

*Letter from D. M. Smyser, Esq.*

GETTYSBURG, MAY 1st, 1845.

*Dear Sir*—I owe you many apologies for not having sooner responded to your kind and very polite invitation to be present at the centenary meeting of our family connection on the 3d inst. at the old homestead near York.

Nothing would afford me more pleasure than to greet so many of my friends who are endeared to me by many ties; and so many others connected by family ties with whom I have never had the pleasure of becoming acquainted. I regret exceedingly that imperative professional duties, compel me to deny myself the pleasure and gratification I had expected to derive from meeting with them and you—our Court is now in session, and will not adjourn until too late on Saturday for me to leave this and reach “head Quarters” in season. I have delayed writing until this late day, because I until to-day clung to the hope that I might still be released in season; but it is now ascertained that this will not be the case; and I am so engaged that I cannot, in duty, leave, before the adjournment.

I beg you to present my cordial good wishes and respectful regards to the assembled clan; and to assure them that should they and I live to greet and celebrate the next centenary anniversary of our common ancestor, I will most certainly make it a point to be present.

Yours with sincere regard.

DANIEL M. SMYSER.

PHILIP SMYSER ESQ.

*Letter from Peter Diehl.*

OXFORD, MAY 3d, 1845.

*Dear Friends*:—Business of an urgent nature prevents me from being with you to-day. Yet be assured that my feelings are enlisted in the celebration, and my thoughts, like yours fondly dwell upon the past. Anterior to the revolution our Grand-father came to this country, through the perils of that revolution he passed, and in conjunction with others of that glorious band of stern, unflinching, unyielding patriots aided in transmitting to us the blessings of the government under which we now live, and while your intercourse with each other this day, is bounded within the precincts of friendship and affection, forget not that your hearts also, should be exercised by the delightful emotion of gratitude, to the Divine Giver of those blessings—to him whose fiat holds the destinies of our country, whose protecting power alone can give stability to our institutions. Let your meeting exert an influence so friendly, so great, so warm, that it may extend to the remotest members of our families, then will the 3d day of May 1845, be joyfully remembered in years to come—may nothing occur to mar the concord of the day, is the wish of

Yours, Truly,

PETER DIEHL.

The following Historical Narrative, prepared by Philip Smyser, Esq. was then read by Prof. Charles A. Hay:

MATHIAS SMYSER, was born in the village of Rugelbach, belonging to the Parish Lustenau, about six miles west of Dunkelsbuhl, in Germany, the 17th February, 1715. Dunkelsbuhl is a considerable town within a few miles of the western boundary of the Kingdom of Bavaria—Rugelbach is situated in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg within a few miles of the boundary which divides that Kingdom from that of Bavaria. Dunkelsbuhl, is nearly in a straight line between Stuttgart and Nuremberg, about 75 miles from the former and about 60 W. S. W. from the latter. The name of the father of Mathias Smyser was Martin and that of his mother Anna Barbara. Of the early history of Mathias or his father Martin, little is known at this day, further than that Martin was a respectable farmer and member of the Lutheran Church, within the above named parish, and that his son Mathias, with his brother



George and sister Margaretta, emigrated to America about the year 1732, or probably at an earlier period. Matthias, it seems, was first settled in the neighborhood of Kreutzcreek, in York county, where he followed the weaving business, he soon after took up a large body of land in the neighborhood of what is now called Springforge, in the same county. It is said that being anxious to get neighbors, Matthias made presents of several farms from his own tract, to such as agreed to improve and live on them. Whether his brother George was one of those who received a plantation from him on the same terms mentioned, is not certainly known: but it is known that the two brothers lived neighbors to each other at the above named place, and it is said that Mathias, after some years' residence there found that he had parted with the best portion of his land, and consequently he and his brother sold out, and Mathias purchased a tract of about four or five hundred acres from a Mr. Henthorn, about three miles west of the town of York, to which he removed on the 3d day of May, 1745. On this farm he continued to reside until his death in 1778. His brother purchased a farm somewhere between York and York Haven, where he resided several years, when not pleased with the quality of the land, he sold it and removed to the *Backwoods*, as the west and southwest country were then called, probably to some part of Virginia; from the time of his removal nothing is known to a certainty of him by his relatives in York county. There are, however, Smyssers residing in the neighborhood of Louisville, Ky. (generally farmers) and it is thought that they are descendants of George Smyser, the brother of Mathias. Should this be the fact, it is to be hoped that ere long it may be discovered.

Mathias Smyser left to survive him three sons and six daughters. The names of the sons were, Michael, Jacob and Mathias, and those of the daughters Dorathy, Sabina, Rosanna, Elizabeth, Anna Maria, and Susanna, whose ages were in the order as above named. Michael Smyser, the eldest, was born in the year 1740 and died in 1810—Jacob was born 1742 and died 1794—Mathias born 1744 and died February 1829—Anna Maria the next to the youngest daughter, born 1757 and died 1833—Susanna the youngest born 1760 and died 1840, the ages of the other daughters are not at present ascertained.

Michael Smyser the eldest son was long and

extensively known as a highly respectable farmer and tavern-keeper, the owner of a well cultivated farm of about 200 acres, which was cut from a portion of his father's farm. Though not favored with a liberal education, he was known as a man of discriminating mind and sound judgment. He was early associated with the leading Revolutionary patriots of the country and marched to the battlefield as Capt. of a company in Col. M. Swope's Regiment and was one of those who were taken prisoners at Fort Washington, on the Hudson, near the city of New York, on the 16th of November, 1776. In 1778 he was elected one of the members of the House of Representatives in the State Legislature for York county, and from that time to 1790 he was seven times chosen to serve in that capacity. In 1790 and 1794 he was elected to the State Senate, in which capacity he served until 1798. Jacob Smyser the second son of Matthias, was also a respectable farmer, and for some years a Justice of the Peace; in 1789 he was elected to the House of Representatives, and a few years afterwards died, at the age of 51 years. Matthias Smyser, the youngest of the three sons, resided on the mansion farm of his father, where he quietly pursued the useful and respectable occupation of an agriculturalist, laboring with his own hands for many years; he maintained through the course of a long life the well earned reputation of an honest man of the strictest integrity. In the revolutionary war, he was also in the service for some time, not as a soldier but as a teamster, conducting a baggage wagon, and was throughout a zealous advocate of the whig cause. He lived to be 84 years and some months old, a greater age by several years than any of his brothers or sisters attained.

The descendants of Matthias Smyser the elder, have become very numerous—his oldest son Michael, left three sons and four daughters, viz:—Peter, Elizabeth, Sarah, Jacob, Mary, Michael and Susan—Jacob his second son, left seven sons and one daughter, viz:—Henry, Jacob, Martin, John, Catharine, Daniel, Peter, and Adam. Matthias his third son, left five sons and two daughters, viz:—Catharine, Polly, George, Jacob, Matthias, Philip and Henry. His eldest daughter Dorothy, who married Peter Hoke, left four sons and four daughters, viz:—Michael, Glorissa, Catharine, Peter, Jacob, Sarah, Polly and George. Sabina married Jacob Swope and resided in Lan-



caster county, she left five sons and two daughters, viz:—Jacob, George, Matthias, Emanuel and Frederick. Rosanna was married to George Maul, and resided for some years after her marriage, in the town of York, but afterwards removed with her husband to Virginia, about midway between Noland's Ferry on the Potomac, and Leesburg in Loudon county, where she died about the year 1796 or 1797, leaving four daughters and one son to survive her, viz:—Susan, Catharine, Polly and Peggy—Elizabeth, George and Daniel, having each lived to the age of 20 years and died before their mother, and Peggy and Philip have died since the year 1806. Elizabeth, married to Leonard Eichelberger, resided at the time of her death near Dillsburg in York Co., she left four sons, viz:—Jacob, Frederick, George and John, the names of the daughters; four in number, are not now recollected. Anna Maria, married to Martin Ebert, left five sons and three daughters viz:—George, Martin, Daniel, Adam, Michael, Susan, Helena, and Anna Mary. Susan the youngest daughter, married to Philip Ebert, left one son and four daughters to survive her, viz:—Henry, Elizabeth, Catharine, Lydia, and Sarah; her youngest son died about a year before her, his name was Michael, he resided in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was engaged as a Merchant at the time of his death; her second daughter, the wife of Henry Small also died about two years before her—Thus we have sixty-four grand sons and daughters of Matthias Smyser the elder, nearly all of whom are now living, and have or have had families, some of them very large, consequently his descendants this day are very numerous.

In April 1839, Mathias Smyser, grand son of the subject of this memoir, set out for New York to make a tour through a part of Europe; he was then 56 years of age, and had spent his past life as a farmer in York county; the main object of his visit to Europe, was, to visit the birth place of his grand-father. There was nothing left on record in this country by which the place of his nativity could be traced, save the inscription on his tombstone in the burying ground of the Lutheran church in the Borough of York,—He sailed from New York for Havre in France, where he arrived in safety—from Havre he went to Paris, thence through the interior of France—to Geneva—from Geneva his main route was to Lausanna, Bern, Basel, Freybergin the Dukedom of Baden,

Strasburg, Baden, Krilsruhe, Stuttgart, Heilbrun, Ochringen, Kreilsheim, to Dunkelsbuhl, when he inquired for Rugelbach, and found that he was within six miles of it. This is a small village inhabited by farmers, it has in itself nothing interesting to a stranger, but to him who sought it as being the birthplace of his ancestors, it was a spot of intense interest, and was exceedingly gratifying to him. When the house was pointed out to him in which his grandfather was born, 124 years previous, still known by the name of *Smyser's House*, though its present inhabitants were of a different name—when he beheld this time worn, this humble mansion—when he entered it and felt a consciousness of being within the same walls, probably treading upon the same floor, which more than a century ago was trodden by his grandfather, his gratification, to be known, must be experienced. He called on the present pastor of the parish, the Rev. Sieskind, and made known to him his desire to see his grandfather's name on the baptismal register—the Rev. gentleman caught at the interesting idea, and eagerly opened the ancient book and commenced the search, but from age and accident the record book was much mutilated and disordered, so that it required many hours diligent search before he found the following interesting record, "Matthias Schmeisser, born the 17th day of February, 1715, son of Martin Schmeisser and his wife Anna Barbara, was baptized &c. This record agrees precisely with that on his tombstone in America. The minister next led him into the church of the parish and pointed out to him the *taufsteine*, assuring him that according to the unvarying custom, time immemorial, before that stone on that spot his grandfather was baptized. In the register mentioned above and also in that of a village called Drieber, some miles distant, the name of Schmeisser was very often found. Matthias met with a man named Andrew Schmeisser, at or near Mosbach, who was 67 years of age, with whom he was very much pleased, he saw in him a strong resemblance of his own father, especially when the latter was about the same age, they may have been second cousins, though Andrew had no recollection of hearing that a Matthias Schmeisser had emigrated to America.

The subject of this memoir must have connected himself with the first Lutheran congregation organized in York and its vicinity, soon



after his arrival in America, for his name together with that of George Smyser is found among the names of the members of that congregation, which commenced the erection of a church, (a wooden building) in the year 1752, in the grave-yard connected with this church, his body was interred in 1778, the evidence of which is found on his tombstone. It should have been stated in another place that Margaretta the sister of Matthias Smyser who came with him to America, was married to a Mr. Eyster and was the mother of a numerous family; her eldest son Elias, died about the year 1826, aged about 98 years—his sister who was married to a Mr. Sprenkle, also lived to a very great age, something like 90 years. She died a few years before her brother Elias Eyster.

The above historical narration was listened to with much interest, and after some few remarks by the reader, the Rev. S. Oswald was requested to address the meeting. He arose and stated that he did not come there with the expectation of making a speech, that he calculated on seeing others present better qualified than himself to discharge this duty, men who knew more about the history of the Smyser family than he possibly could know, men said he, whose fondest recollections are centered around this spot where we are now assembled, men who doubtlessly have and now do feel the force of those beautiful lines

“How dear to this heart are the scenes of my childhood  
When fond recollection presents them to view,  
The orchard, the meadow, the deep-tangled wildwood,  
And every loved spot which my infancy knew.”

But as it appears to be the wish of many here present, that I should say something, I present myself before you merely to express my gratification in finding myself amongst you, permit me to assure you, friends and brethren, that I shall ever remember this day and hour as among the happiest days and hours of my life. My thoughts whilst here have been made up of some sort of pleasant mingling together of the past, the present and the future—at one time my imagination carries me back one hundred years—I look up—I look around me—but I see naught save the blue vault of heaven, and a dark, dreary forest, enlivened only by the sweet warbling of the feathered songsters, and the rapid dashing of the squirrel among the wide spreading branches of the forest oak.—I look again and I see a solitary adventurer firmly treading this thick forest,

the sturdy oak falls before the axe, wielded by his vigorous arms, and soon where once that forest stood now waves the golden grain.—But with the rapidity of thought I am brought back to this hour, and here I see a numerous assembly, the descendants of that hardy adventurer congregated to celebrate the day which dates the flight of a century since first he called these lands his own, and to rejoice in the prosperity which we enjoy. Here we may pause for a moment whilst looking at the present, and again think of the days that have been—those dark hours in our country's history, through which our fathers passed, and we would gratefully remember them, especially connected as their memory is with perils by sea and by land, to secure for us their children, the civil and religious freedom which we now enjoy. But when I pass from the present and take a glance into the future, when I think of the rapid flight of time, and then look upon this assembly, the question involuntarily rushes into my mind—who will be here at the end of another hundred years?—the answer comes with the question—not one of us—we shall all before that time sleep with our fathers, and God grant that we may then together with them breathe the pure atmosphere of heaven, and eat the fruit of the tree of life—remembering then, that we shall all soon pass from this stage of action, let us at all times cultivate those feelings of friendship and christian fellowship which will unite us in life, in death, and in eternity. With these remarks,’ said the speaker, ‘I shall close, after reading a letter which has just been handed to me, from the Hon. C. A. Barnitz, addressed to Daniel or Philip Smyser.—The letter being read, it was,

*Resolved*, That this meeting thank the Hon. C. A. Barnitz for the interesting information communicated, and that his letter together with the toast, be incorporated in the minutes of our proceedings.

*The Following is a Copy of the Letter.*

Daniel or Philip Smyser Esqrs: I take the liberty of sending you a toast, which as coming from a friend, you may offer if you think proper, on the occasion of your interesting family festival.

The Smyser family it is well known—were all warm and active supporters of the American cause during our revolutionary struggle. Col. Michael Smyser was a useful and leading man in



the councils of that day as well as in the field. When the war commenced in 1775 and the port of Boston was closed for the purpose of starving the people of that important place into submission, a committee of twelve citizens of York county was formed for the purpose of affording relief and encouragement to their distressed brethren of Boston, a sum of near 250 pounds in specie (a large sum at that time) was raised and remitted to John Hancock, who was afterwards president of Congress, with a spirited letter of encouragement to maintain their rights and promises of further assistance. These facts are recorded for the honor of our county, in the American Archives at Washington with the names of the committee.

Michael Smyser was an active and leading member of that committee and remitted as a part of the above sum from Manchester township £6,12,1.

If the American cause had failed, every member of that committee as well as their illustrious correspondent (on whose head a reward was set) would have forfeited their lives on the scaffold, with all their property.

To all those who in trying and dangerous times thus offered themselves, and all their property as a sacrifice on the altar of their country, all grateful recollections and acknowledgments, are due, not only from their descendants, but from all who live in the enjoyment of those rights and blessings which under Providence they obtained for us.

I offer you this tribute—

The memory of Col. Michael Smyser—The devoted patriot—the faithful friend—the honest man.

Yours Respectfully

May 3d, 1845. CHARLES A. BARNITZ.

Professor Chas. A. Hay, then briefly addressed the audience—In his address he compared the condition of our forefathers before their immigration to this country with our own at this time—and then gave a description of some German villages which he had seen during his tour in Europe which formed a striking contrast to the smiling scene by which we were then surrounded. Our invaluable civil and religious privileges, that distinguished us so highly above

all other nations of the earth were then dwelt upon as having been gained by the blessing of God upon the efforts of our revered ancestors, as calling upon us for sincere gratitude to the giver of all good and claiming our united efforts for their preservation and transmission to our latest posterity.

The speaker having taken his seat, Geo. A. Barnitz Esq. arose and offered the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Secretaries constitute a Committee to arrange for publication in pamphlet form a full account of this meeting together with such other information as they may be able to gather—and that five hundred copies be printed and distributed among those who are present on this occasion.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Philip Smyser, Esq. and adopted.

Whereas the birth place of our common ancestor, Mathias Smyser, a village in Germany, was called *Ruegelbach*, therefore

*Resolved*, That this his homestead in America, as the same was in extent on the 3d day of May 1745 be hereafter called RUEGELBACH. It was then

*Resolved*, To adjourn, recommending to our descendants the holding of a similar celebration on the 3d day of May 1945—and further that we entertain the hope that this homestead of our ancestor will then still be known and held in the name of Smyser.

It was the wish of those present at the celebration that the names of the whole number of the descendants of Mathias Smyser the elder should be inserted in this publication, so far as they could be ascertained; the committee made an effort to do so, and delayed the printing to give time for reports to come in, but the greater portion furnished only the number of the respective branches, so that it is found impracticable to give anything like a complete list of names, and therefore the committee can only furnish the following which it is believed is a tolerably accurate estimate of the number living on the 3d day of May 1845. We give the names of the above mentioned Mathias Smyser's children, with the number of the descendants of each:—



Descendants of Col Michael Smyser	244
do Jacob Smyser,	177
do Mathias Smyser,	160
do daughter Dorothy, married to Peter Hoke,	240
do Sabina, married Jacob Swope,	54
do Elizabeth, do Leonard Eichelberger	116
do Rosa Anna do George Moul,	60
do Anna Mary do Martin Ebert	64
do Susanna do Philip Ebert	47
Total	1162

## APPENDIX.

*Concerning Mathias Schmeisser the elder and Anna Katharina Wolfgang Koppenhoester.*

This account is taken partly from the Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. 17, and partly from the records of Christ's Lutheran Church, York, Pa.

Matthias Schmeisser, the elder, was sixteen years of age when Anna Barbara, his mother, then fifty years of age; Margarite, his sister, then twenty years of age and George, his brother, then nine years of age, emigrated from Ruegelbach,

Germany, and landed in Philadelphia from Rotterdam, having arrived in the ship *Brittania*, Michael Franklin, Master, on the 21st of September, 1731.

Anna Katharina Wolfgang Koppenhoester, born June 5th, 1717, her father, John Wolfgang Koppenhoester and Ann Maria Koppenhoester, her mother, emigrated from Koeblingen, Germany, and landed in Philadelphia September 11th, 1732, from the ship *Pennsylvania*, John Stedman, Master.

These young people were married in August 22, 1738. Five sons and six daughters were born to them. The mother died February 13, 1763, on the Sunday *Domini esto mihi*, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, aged 45 years, 5 months and 8 days, and was buried in Christ's Lutheran Church yard at York, February 14th, 1763. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of people. They were married twenty-eight years. The husband, three sons and six daughters, survived her. The eldest and youngest sons died before their mother.

*So wuensh ich nun cin gute Nacht*—in English, So wish I now you good night, and *O! Jesus Christus, mein Lebens Licht*—in English, Oh! Jesus Christ, the Light of my Life, were the hymns sung at her funeral. Text: Luke x. 41, 42. Rev. Lucas Raus, buried her.







ELIE FREDERIC FOREY  
Marshal of France

# Forry

## Foror, Furee, Foree, Furry, Forey

1. JOHN FORRY
2. JACOB FORRY

May 14, 1912 my brother S. Forry Laucks received a picture of:

ELIE FRÉDÉRIC FOREY

Marshal of France

also

Le Général de Division FOREY

Commandant de l'Expédition du Mexique, etc.,  
etc., etc.,

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### John Forry

In 1775 owned a farm in Manchester Twp., York Co., Pa.

That year he purchased several hundred acres adjoining his Manchester Twp. tract, but in Newberry Twp.

Ref: Book 2L, page 424. Recorder of Deeds Office.

For years I have worked on this line to find the father of Rudolph Forry. I was finally able to prove my descent from the above John Forry, through the Orphans' Court of York, Pa.

My great aunt, Mrs. Stephen Keefer, née Susan Forry, always insisted we are descendants of the Wild John Forry and, though we always laughed at her assertion, I have since discovered she was perfectly correct in her statement; anyway she ought to have known as he was her grandfather.

She also said that, when he left France for America, he received his portion of his father's estate—a barrel of gold.

He is supposed to have landed in Virginia, coming up through Maryland to Lancaster, Pa., in search of adventure, which he found riding through the county, shooting cattle when there was no game in sight, then looking up the owner

and paying him much more than it was worth. Anyway, we find this early account of him in Lancaster, Pa., in 1761.

At that time he had a charge account with a hardware store and the account called him "Wild John Forry." The charge was for breaking glass in the house of a widow.

1. JOHN FORRY

Died 1782

Lived, among other places, in Newberry Twp., York Co., and died there m—1762 Margaret Berry, daug. of Nicholas and his wife Barbara who lived in Shrewsbury Twp., York Co.

#### *Children 8*

1. Jacob Forry, 1763—
  2. John Forry, 1765—1841
  3. Abraham Forry, 1769—
  4. Elizabeth Forry, 1771—1835
  5. Margaret Forry, 1773—
  6. Daniel Forry, 1775—
  7. Rudolph Forry, 1777—1841
  8. Magdalena Forry, 1780—1790, Apr. 1  
She is buried Garber's or Menges' Meeting House
- In 1782 Jacob Forry was 19 yrs.—of age in 1783.  
John Forry was 17 yrs.—of age in 1786.  
Abraham Forry was 13 yrs.—of age in 1790.  
Elizabeth Forry was 11 yrs.—of age in 1792.  
Margaret Forry was 9 yrs.—of age in 1794.  
Daniel Forry was 7 yrs.—of age in 1796.  
Rudolph Forry was 5 yrs.—of age in 1798.  
Magdalena Forry was 2 yrs.—of age in 1801.



Orphans' Court, Book C—312—313. Of Nicholas.

Margaret Berry was the daughter of Nicholas Berry and his wife Barbara of Shrewsbury Twp., York Co. He died in 1767; his widow later married Keagy.

John Forry was in the Revolutionary War (also his son Jacob). He died 1782, leaving 8 minor children.

His widow Margaret in 1786 was married a second time to Jacob Bruckhard of Manheim Twp. There was a pre-nuptial agreement, and guardians were appointed for her minor children. In 1782 her oldest son, Jacob, selected his own guardian—Jacob Forry of Md. (his father's brother).

As we are not concerned in any way with the children of the second marriage, will only state that she had one son, Jacob Bruckhard, Jr.

Ref.: Book 2D—250. Recorder's Office.

1. JACOB FORRY (OF WILD JOHN)  
1763—1807

Lived York Co. and York

m—Christina Sprenkle, daug. of Peter

Ref.: His will.

*Child 1*

1. Margaret Forry. Lived  
m—1807 Christian Bollinger

*Children 5*

1. Joseph Bollinger  
m—Mary Jane
2. Jesse Bollinger
3. Jacob Bollinger
4. David Bollinger
5. Mary Bollinger  
m—Adam Tressler

Ref.: Orphans' Court, Book F—219—  
220—505—1789. No will. York.  
Book U—341—1858. Recorder's  
Office, Gettysburg.

Clerk of Court's Room, Book F—219—220—  
505—1789. Manchester Twp.  
Peter Sprenkle died intestate  
Left a widow and 8 *Children*

1. Peter Sprenkle, Jr., oldest son
2. Michael Sprenkle
3. Daniel Sprenkle
4. George Sprenkle
5. Magdalena Sprenkle

6. Christina Sprenkle, m—Jacob Forry
7. Anna Sprenkle, m—John Forry
8. Dorothea Sprenkle, m—Samuel Knideck

2. JOHN FORRY (OF WILD JOHN)

May 16, 1765—1841, Apr. 30. 76—1—4

Buried at Bear's Meeting House about 3  
miles out of Hanover, Pa.

Lived Manheim Twp., York Co.

m—Jan. 20, 1787 to Anna Sprenkle, daug. of  
Peter. She was born May 6, 1763; died 1850,  
May 6. 84 years.

*Children 10*

1. Peter Forry, June 23, 1789—
2. Jacob Forry, Nov. 30, 1791—1870, Apr. 19
3. John Forry, Jan. 10, 1794—1867, Jan. 9
4. Magdalena Forry, Mar. 14, 1796—1887
5. Daniel Forry, Nov. 28, 1798—1878, Nov. 3
6. David Forry, Jan. 13, 1801—1869, Jan. 8
7. Anna Forry, Oct. 22, 1802—1891, July 23
8. Barbara Forry, Dec. 4, 1805—1882,  
Nov. 9
9. George Forry, Nov. 9, 1807—1887
10. Benjamin Forry, Mar. 2, 1809—1880,  
Oct. 7

John Forry 1765—1841; his children each  
received \$1,490.80

I John Forry have taken unto myself in Holy  
Wedlock Anna Sprenkle on the 20th day of  
January 1787.

*Children 10*

1. In the year 1789 on the 23rd of June was  
born to me a son Peter Forry.
2. In the year 1791 on the 30th of Nov. was  
born to me a son Jacob Forry.
3. In the year 1794 on the 10th of Jan. was  
born to me a son John Forry.
4. In the year 1796 on the 14th of Mar. was  
born to me a daughter Magdalena Forry.
5. In the year 1798 on the 28th of Nov. was  
born to me a son Daniel Forry.
6. In the year 1801 on 13th of Jan. was born  
to me a son David Forry.
7. In the year 1802 on 22nd of Oct. was born  
to me a daughter Anna Forry.
8. In the year 1805 was born to me a daughter  
on the 4th of Dec. Barbara Forry.
9. In the year 1807 was born to me a son  
George Forry on the 9th of Nov.
10. In the year 1809 was born to me a son  
Benjamin Forry on 2nd of Mar.

Copied from the original record kept by John Forry and written in a very good hand; owned by his granddaughter Anna Bare, late of Hanover, Pa., single woman. Now (1920) in possession of Mrs. Levi Whistler, Broadway, Hanover, Pa.

I saw old Family Bibles at the following places in Hanover: Mrs. Levi Whistler, 559 Broadway; Mr. Henry B. Forry, 642½ Broadway; Mrs. Alvin R. Nissley, Broadway; Mr. Ezra M. Miller (out of Hanover), New Baltimore, Penn Twp., R. D. 3; Mr. Abraham Hostetter, High St.; Mrs. Joseph Forry, 713 Broadway or 747 Broadway.

Also called on: Mr. Benjamin Forry, 660 Broadway; Mr. Henry Forry, 3rd St. or Midway; Rev. Stump, New Baltimore; Mr. Abraham Rife, 3rd St., Midway, where I met with the most cordial hospitality. Mr. Rife was in the country at the time of my call, but over the phone asked me, through his housekeeper, to remain for noon dinner and, to save making another call, I was glad to accept the invitation. I was more pleased with Mr. Rife than any one else I had called on. He is a fine, pleasingly mannered man, and has travelled quite a bit. Of late years, spends most of the winters in Florida, his preference being for St. Petersburg. Later he took me to several places in his auto.

Ref.: Recorder's Office, Book 3W—579—1851.

1. PETER FORRY (OF JOHN, OF WILD JOHN)  
Lived Paradise Twp., York Co.  
Moved to Coles Co., Ill.  
m—Mar. 27, 1810 Barbara Sherg (Sharp)  
*Children 7*

1. Anna Forry
2. Jacob Forry. No record
3. John Forry. No record
4. Peter Forry. No record
5. George Forry. No record
6. Marny Forry. No record
7. Catherine Forry

1. ANNA FORRY

Coles Co., Ill. m—Joseph Phipps  
*Child 1*

1. Mary Barbara Phipps  
Recorder's Office, Book 3C—576.

Joseph Phipp, guardian of Mary Barbara Phipp.

Know all men that I, Joseph Phipp of Coles County, Ill., guardian of Mary Barbara Phipp, daughter of Joseph Phipp and Anne Phipp, said Anne being a daug. of Peter Forry, dec., late of said County; do hereby acknowledge that I have this day received from Jacob Forry, Ex. of John Forry estate, late of Heidelberg Twp., York Co., Pa., 87.27 in full satisfaction out of real and personal estate of said John Forry bequeathed to the said Mary Barbara Phipp of last will, etc., 1852, May 4.

Book 3C—577.

John Forry, dec., his heirs to Jacob and John Forry, executors.

John Forry of Heidelberg Twp., York Co., Pa., dec., willed to his wife Anne ⅓ residue, except a few small bequests—to his children Jacob, John, Daniel, Magdalena, Ann, Barbara, Benj. and George in equal shares, release.

The widow Ann received 883.50. Ann (m—Daniel Baer) and other children, Mar. 4, 1843.

7. CATHERINE FORRY (OF PETER OF COLES Co., ILL.)  
Lives Coles Co., Ill. m—William Price  
*Children 5*
  1. Joseph Price
  2. William Price
  3. Nancy Price, m—Wallace
  4. Elsie Price, m—Anderson
  5. Rebecca Price, m—Stanza

2. JACOB FORRY (OF JOHN, OF WILD JOHN)  
Dec. 30, 1791—1870, Apr. 19  
Lived and died in Heidelberg Twp.  
He was 78 yrs., 3 mo., 19 days old  
m—Magdalena Hoover, daug. of Martin Hoover. She was born Feb. 7, 1791; died 1864, Jan. 11

*Children ?*

1. Anna Forry, only child known  
Nov. 21, 1817—1845, July 13  
m—Mar. 16, 1842 Abraham Hostetter  
Ref.: Moravian Records, York.

*Child 1*

1. Barbara Forry Hostetter  
m—Samuel Witmer  
Lived 529 Broadway, Hanover, Pa.  
She was, 1926, a widow; in 1931, several yrs. dec.



Recorder's Office, York.  
Book 5I—208—1871.

I Barbara F. Witmer, formerly Hostetter, granddaughter of Jacob Forry of Heidelberg Twp., dec., received from executors \$2,879.72 together with \$1,078 paid me heretofore, do acknowledge and in consideration of payments do hereby release Executors.

(Signed) Barbara F. Witmer

Book 6G—40—1877.

Barbara F. Witmer to Benjamin Forry release, formerly Hostetter, granddaughter of Jacob Forry of Heidelberg Twp., received \$40.37 also \$12,383.77.

(Signed) Barbara F. Witmer  
Samuel Witmer  
Hanover, Pa.

Also Book X—661—1870.

3. JOHN FORRY (OF JOHN, OF WILD JOHN)  
Feb. 10, 1794—1867, Jan. 9. 72—10—29

Ref.: His Will. Book X—33—1867. York.

Lived in Heidelberg Twp., now Penn Twp., and Hanover, Pa.

m—Mar. 11, 1819 to Anna (or Nancy) Myers,  
Mar. 27, 1800—1879, Apr. 7

*Children 15*

1. Elizabeth Forry, Jan. 3, 1820—1910. 90—1—28
2. John Forry, twin  
Oct. 11, 1821—1910, Nov. 10. 89—29
3. Jacob Forry, twin  
Oct. 11, 1821—1911, Jan. 17. 89—3—5
4. Anna (or Nancy) Forry  
Nov. 21, 1823—1898, Oct. 17. 74—10—26
5. Fannie Forry, Dec. 10, 1825—1912,  
Dec. 5. 86—10—26
6. Magdalena Forry, Mar. 4, 1827—1893,  
April 1. 66—27
7. Abraham Forry, Nov. 14, 1828—1899,  
Feb. 12. 70—2—28
8. Maria Forry, July 28, 1830—1884,  
Mar. 22. 53—7—24
9. Henry Forry, Dec. 26, 1831—1911,  
Dec. 21. 79—2—5
10. Martin Forry, Sept. 12, 1833—1843.  
9—6—1

11. David Forry, Oct. 6, 1835—1908, Feb. 11. 73—4—5
12. Barbara Forry, July 8, 1837—1884,  
Sept. 22. 47—2—5
13. Benjamin Forry, July 12, 1840—1924,  
Aug. 20. 84—1—18
14. Amanda Forry, May 12, 1843—1922,  
July 30. 79—2—18
15. Amelia Forry Mar. 18, 1846—1898,  
June 3. 52—2—15

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Book 5I—14—1869.

The heirs of John Forry (of John, of John) dec.

Exec. Benjamin and Henry Forry.

Know all men by these presents, etc., that we

1. Barbara Forry, m—Daniel Kindig, Warren Co., West Virginia.
2. John Forry of Champaign Co., Ohio.
3. Jacob Forry.
4. Nancy Forry, m—Jacob Dubbs.
5. Elizabeth Forry, m—A. M. Hershey.
6. Magdalena (Martha) Forry, m—Peter Diehl, Adams Co.
7. Maria Forry, m—Daniel H. Bare.
8. Abraham Forry.
9. David Forry.

Each received \$294.09.

10. Amanda Forry, m—Aaron Rudisill, received \$1,698.09.
11. Amelia Forry, m—Martin Bechtel, of Carroll Co., Md., received \$1,494.09.

Together with sums received in life time of John Forry, dec., and in consideration thereof, we release the Exec. Benjamin and Henry Forry.

(Signed)

Peter and Martha Diehl  
Jacob and Nancy Dubbs  
Daniel H. and Maria Bare  
Amos and Fannie Rohrbaugh  
Elizabeth Hershey  
Ann Forry  
Martin and Amelia Bechtel  
Aaron and Amanda Rudisill  
Daniel and Barbara Kindig  
June 26, 1869.

1. ELIZABETH FORRY  
Jan. 22, 1820—1910. 90—1—28  
Lived York Co.

m—Jan. 16, 1845 Abraham M. Hershey (given as Mar. 16, 1842 in Moravian Records, York)

*Child 1* (all that is known)

1. Sarah F. Hershey, lived Menges' Mills and Jefferson

m—Sept. 29, 1867 to Dr. H. C. Jones, son of H. B. and Mary Ann, née Zimmerman

*Children 7*

1. Daughter Jones, died infancy
2. Son Jones, died infancy
3. Son Jones, died infancy
4. Minnie Jones
5. Henry H. Jones
6. Pius H. Jones
7. Honora E. Jones

2. JOHN FORRY. Twin

Oct. 11, 1821—1910, Nov. 10. 89—29

Moved to Champaign Co., Ohio

m—Sept. 7, 1848 to Maria Hostetter

3. JACOB FORRY. Twin

Oct. 11, 1821—1911, June 17. 89—3—5

Lived Heidelberg Twp., York Co.

m—Jan. 27, 1848 to Maria Bucher, July 14, 1825—1908, Aug. 29

*Children* (only one known)

1. John Forry, b Nov. 11, 1849—  
m—Mary Kalbach

*Children 7*

1. Charles Forry, m—Amelia Mum-  
mert
2. William Forry, died 1918  
m—Jane Graff
3. Jacob Forry, m—Carrie Spangler
4. Isaiah Forry, m—Kate Bare
5. John Forry, m—Irene Bollinger
6. Annie Forry, m—Will Etter  
Live Darke Co., Ohio
7. Kate Forry, m—Valentine Heff  
Live Dixon, Ill.

4. ANNA (OR NANCY) FORRY

Nov. 21, 1823—1898, Oct. 17. 74—10—26

m—Oct. 29, 1848 to Jacob Dubbs

Ref.: Lutheran Records, Abbottstown.

*Child 1*

1. Maria Dubbs, only one known

5. FANNIE FORRY

1825—1912, Sept. 7. 86—10—26

m—Feb. 3, 1848 to Amos Rohrbaugh (1827—1896), son of Henry

*Children 8*

1. Henry F. Rohrbaugh, b Feb. 24, 1854
  2. John F. Rohrbaugh, b Feb. 28, 1858
  3. Mary Rohrbaugh
  4. Fannie Rohrbaugh
  5. Katherine Rohrbaugh
  6. Amanda Rohrbaugh
  7. Sarah Rohrbaugh
  8. Barbara Rohrbaugh
- All married

Ref.: Prowell's History of York Co., pages 485, 907, 908.

1. HENRY FORRY ROHRBAUGH

b 1854—

Lives on old Rohrbaugh farm in Manheim Twp.

m—1878 to Catherine Bare (Bair), daug. of Daniel and his wife Susan Bechtel, Penn Twp. German Baptists

*Children 6*

1. Emma J. Rohrbaugh, m—George Bar-  
gelt, a tinner of Hanover, Pa.
2. Catherine Rohrbaugh
3. Amos Rohrbaugh
4. William Rohrbaugh
5. Edward Rohrbaugh
6. Daniel Rohrbaugh

2. JOHN F. ROHRBAUGH

Lives Hanover, Pa.

A very prominent contractor

m 1st—Lucy Miller, daug. of John and his wife Susanna Mause

*Children 4*

1. William Rohrbaugh
  2. Walter Rohrbaugh
  3. Miriam Rohrbaugh
  4. Fannie Rohrbaugh
- m 2nd—Alice Heistand  
No issue

3. MARY ROHRBAUGH

m—William Flickinger

4. AMANDA ROHRBAUGH

m—Henry Baker  
Farmer

5. FANNIE ROHRBAUGH

m—George Unger

6. CATHERINE ROHRBAUGH

m—William Mummert

7. SARAH ROHRBAUGH

m—Pius Renol



8. BARBARA ROHRBAUGH  
m—Michael Musser  
Live Silver Springs, Lancaster Co., Pa.
6. MAGDALENA FORRY (OF JOHN b FEB. 10, 1794)  
Mar. 4, 1827—1893, Apr. 1. 66—27  
m—Peter Diehl of Adams Co., Pa.  
*Children unknown*
7. ABRAHAM FORRY  
Nov. 14, 1828—1899, Feb. 12. 70—2—28  
m—Maria Roth  
*Child 1 (only one known)*  
1. Samuel Forry, 1859—1860
8. MARIA FORRY  
July 28, 1830—1884, Mar. 22. 53—7—24  
m—Daniel H. Bare (Bair) of York Co.  
*Children unknown*
9. HENRY FORRY  
Dec. 26, 1831—1911, Dec. 21  
Lived two miles N. E. of Hanover, Pa., in  
Mt. Pleasant Twp.  
m—Louisa Landis, daug. of Benjamin and  
his wife  
*Children 3*  
1. John L. Forry, m—Addie Weikert, daug.  
of Levi  
*Child 1*  
1. Charles Forry  
2. Mary Jane Forry  
3. Harry G. Forry, M.D.  
Gettysburg, Pa. Record Book W—478—  
1861. Adams Co.
10. MARTIN FORRY  
Sept. 12, 1833—1843. 9—6—1
11. DAVID FORRY  
Oct. 6, 1835—1908, Feb. 11  
Lived Remington, Ind.  
m—Millie Brodbeck
12. BARBARA FORRY  
July 8, 1837—1884, Sept. 22. 47—2—15  
Lived Warren Co., W. Va.  
m—Oct. 15, 1855 Daniel Kindig  
*Children unknown*
13. BENJAMIN F. FORRY  
July 12, 1840—1924, Aug. 20. 84—1—18  
Lived Lineboro, Md., and Hanover, Pa.  
m—1868 to Sarah Sprenkle Hershey, daug. of  
John M. (1811—1888) and his wife Nancy  
Sprenkle (1813—1870)  
*Children 5*  
1. Annie Jane Forry, b 1869, died infancy

2. Edwin Hershey Forry, b Dec. 14, 1870—
3. Ida Lizzie Forry, b Aug. 18, 1872—
4. Silas H. Forry, Sept. 29, 1874—192—  
Lived Glen Rock, R. D. 1  
m—Emma Bortner  
*Children 4*  
1. Bertha Forry, m—Ralph Kneller  
Live Lineboro  
2. Sadie Forry  
3. Marie Forry  
4. Paul Forry
5. John Clinton Forry, b Oct. 2, 1880—  
Lives Hanover. m—1910 Virgie Shank  
*Children 3*  
1. Alvin Forry  
2. Mary Forry  
3. Ira Forry, died infancy
2. EDWIN HERSHEY FORRY  
b 1870—  
P. O. Lancaster, R. D. 6  
He is farming and trucking  
m—Alice B. Miller  
*Children 5*  
1. Marion B. Forry, m—Morris Warner  
R. D. 1, Glen Rock, Pa.  
*Child 1*  
1. Edwin Warner  
2. Erma Sarah Forry, died young  
3. Benjamin Earl Forry, lives Manheim,  
R. D. 1. m—Fannie Root  
4. John Edwin Forry, Lives Lancaster,  
R. D. 5—East Lampeter Twp.  
m—Esther Root  
5. Altie Ruth Forry
14. AMANDA FORRY (OF JOHN b FEB. 10, 1794)  
May 12, 1843—1922, July 30. 79—2—18  
Lived York Co. and Adams Co., Hanover, Pa.  
m—Aaron Rudisilli, b Dec. 22, 1844  
Live West York borough, retired from active  
work in 1895  
Son of Henry, Nov. 12, 1797—1891. 94 years  
*Children 8*  
1. Annie S. Rudisilli, m—Joseph Graybill  
Live North York  
2. Sadie M. Rudisilli, m—W. Heindle, a  
farmer. Live West Manchester Twp.  
3. Amelia B. Rudisilli, m—Wm. Seager  
Live Spring Garden Twp.  
4. Worley F. Rudisilli, m—May 1, 1898  
Eliza A. Spahr, daug. of Samuel and his  
wife Emeline Altland

*Children 4*

1. Aaron S. Rudisilli
2. Raymond E. Rudisilli
3. Alda R. Rudisilli
4. Worden W. Rudisilli

Lives 820 W. Princess St., York

5. Harry J. Rudisilli, m—Ella Dittinger  
Live West York
6. Percy M. Rudisilli, m—Dora Plagman  
Live S. Dakota
7. Amanda J. Rudisilli, m—Harvey Deveney  
Live West York
8. Minerva F. Rudisilli

1. ANNA (ANNIE) S. RUDISILL (OF AARON)  
m—Feb. 28, 1892 Joseph F. Graybill of W.  
Manchester Twp. Employee of Penna. R. R.  
Live West Princess St., York

*Children 5*

1. Joseph Warren Graybill, m—Emma  
Lehman
2. Wayne Emanuel Graybill. Bachelor
3. George Washington Graybill, m—Clara  
Lonkoski
4. Ellen Rebecca Graybill, m—Ernst Bischof

*Children 3*

1. Betty Bischof
2. Ellen Bischof
3. Jean Bischof

5. Robert Lewis Graybill, m—Catherine  
Heighes

2. SADIE MAY RUDISILL

Lives West York

m—Jan. 24, 1893 Wilbur Mash Heindle

*Children 3*

1. Paul Heindle, m—Annie Buckmyer

*Children 4*

- a. Bertha Minerva Heindle
- b. Sadie Malinda Heindle
- c. Wilburt Heindle
- d. Alvin Heindle

2. Harry Elmer Heindle, died at 17 yrs.
3. Ellen Amanda Heindle, died at 4 yrs.

3. AMELIA BELL RUDISILL

m—June 1893 William H. Seegar

*Children 9*

1. Fannie May Seegar, m—Oct. 1913  
George Peters

*Children 14*

1. Fannie May Peters, died infancy
2. Gertie Peters
3. Silva Peters
4. Hilda Peters
5. Thelma Peters, died infancy
6. Edward Peters
7. Elnora Peters
8. Florence Peters
9. Floyd Peters
10. Idona Peters
11. Alice Peters
12. Lavere Peters
13. Leona Peters
14. Harry Peters

2. Edna Seegar

m 1st—Fackler

*Child 1*

1. Irene Fackler

m 2nd—Zimmerman

*Child 1*

1. Irene Zimmerman

3. Marlett Seegar (Seeger)

Killed on the railroad

m—Freddie Klayhold

*Children 5*

1. Martin Klayhold
2. Treva Klayhold
3. Dorothy Klayhold, dec.
4. Marie Klayhold
5. Catherine Klayhold

4. Amanda Seeger

m—David Sullivan

*Children 4*

1. David Sullivan
2. Martha Sullivan
3. Walter Sullivan
4. Elmira Sullivan, dec.

5. Adam Seeger, m—Mildred Sipe

*Children 2, names unknown*

6. Mary Seeger, m—Runkle

*Children 3*

1. Elmer Runkle
2. Junior Runkle
3. Janet Runkle, dec.

7. Clara Seeger

m—William Trimmer

Live Wrightsville, Pa.

*Child 1*

1. Jeannine Trimmer



8. Treva Seeger, m—Earl Miller  
Live Jefferson, York Co.
9. Theda Seeger, m—Earl Miller  
*Child 1*  
1. Eugene Miller
4. WORLEY FORRY RUDISILL  
m—May 1, 1898 Agnes Spahr  
*Children 10*  
1. Aaron Rudisill, m—Catherine Minnich  
2. Raymond Rudisill, m—Carrie Spangler  
*Children 2*  
1. Raymond Rudisill, Jr.  
2. Jean Rudisill  
3. Alda Rudisill, m—William Landis  
*Children 2*  
1. Edward Landis  
2. Louise Landis  
4. Warden Rudisill, dec.  
5. Wilbur Rudisill  
m—Catherine Glessner  
*Children 3*  
1. Betty Rudisill  
2. Robert Rudisill  
3. Helen Rudisill  
6. Emma Rudisill  
m—Gordon Glessner  
No issue  
7. Roy Rudisill, m—Sunday  
8. Sara Rudisill  
9. Dorothy Rudisill, twin  
10. Florence Rudisill, twin, dec.  
All live in York
5. HARRY J. RUDISILL  
m—Apr. 9, 1899 Ella Dettinger  
*Children 4*  
1. Lilly Rudisill, m—Edward Bankert  
*Children 2*  
Junior and Dorine  
Live Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Pa.  
2. Garmen Rudisill, died infancy  
3. Pauline Rudisill  
m—William Myers  
No issue  
4. Sadie Rudisill, m—Russel Baum  
*Child 1*  
1. Russel Baum, Jr.  
All live in York
6. PERCY RUDISILL  
m—May 2, 1901 Dora Plagman, dec.  
Lives in Alexandria, S. Dakota

- Children 7*
1. Elmer Rudisill, lives in York
  2. Minerva Rudisill  
m—Harry Winters  
Live Mitchell, S. Dakota  
3 *Children*, all boys
  3. Dora Rudisill, m—Jack Flute  
No issue  
Live Emery, S. Dakota
  4. Estelle Rudisill, at home in S. Dakota
  5. Aaron Rudisill, at home in S. Dakota
  6. Savilla Rudisill
  7. Anna Rudisill, at home in S. Dakota
  7. AMANDA RUDISILL  
m—Mar. 27, 1900 Harvey J. Deveney  
*Children 3*  
1. William Deveney  
2. Catherine Deveney, dec.  
m—. 1 *Child*  
3. Ray Deveney, m—Harry Holler
  8. MANERVIA F. RUDISILL  
m—Dec. 24, 1908 George A. Smyser  
*Children 7*  
1. George Henry Smyser  
2. Sarah Minerva Smyser  
3. Francis Philip Smyser  
4. Cletus Aaron Smyser  
5. Anna Romaine Smyser  
6. Percy Jacob Smyser  
7. Matilda Justine Smyser  
See Col. Michael Smyser line, page 37.
  15. AMELIA FORRY (OF JOHN b FEB. 10, 1794)  
Mar. 8, 1846—1898, Jan. 3. 52—2—15  
Lived near Manchester and Baltimore, Md.  
m—Mark Bechtel, Mar. 8, 1835—1896,  
Sept. 3. 61—5—25  
*Children 5*  
1. Anna Bechtel, died infancy  
2. Edwin Bechtel, b 1870—  
m—Alice Miller  
Live Lancaster, Pa.  
3. Ida Bechtel, b 1872—  
4. Silas Bechtel, b 1874—  
m—1901 Emma Bortner  
5. Clinton Bechtel, b 1880—  
m—1910 Virginia Shank  
From one Bible in Hanover, Pa.  
Barbara Kindig, July 8, 1837—1884, Sept. 23.  
Amelia Bechtel, née Forry, Mar. 8, 1846—  
1898, Jan. 3. 51—2—16.

Anna Dubbs, née Forry, Nov. 21, 1823—1898, Oct. 17. 74—10—26.

Abraham Forry, Nov. 24, 1828—1899, Feb. 12. 70—2—8.

Maria Forry, née Bucher, July 14, 1825—1908, Aug. 28. 83—1—14.

Jacob Forry, Oct. 12, 1821—1911, June 17. 89—8—6.

Henry Forry, 1831—1911, Dec. 21. 79—2—5.

Fannie Rohrbach, née Forry, 1825—1912, Sept. 7. 86—10—26.

David Forry, 1835—1908, Feb. 11. 73—4—5.

John Forry, Oct. 12, 1821—1910, Nov. 10. 89—29.

Most of them lived to a good age.

4. MAGDALENA FORRY (OF JOHN, OF WILD JOHN)  
Mar. 14, 1796—1887, Aug. 15. 91—5—1  
Lived Carroll Co., Md.

m—Apr. 30, 1863 to Henry Fair

Ref.: Lutheran Church, Hanover, Pa.

5. DANIEL FORRY

Nov. 28, 1798—1878, Nov. 3 in the morning.  
79—11—15

Ref.: Will Book 3F—239.

Book AA—503.

Lived Heidelberg Twp., York Co.

m—Elizabeth, Apr. 3, 1802—1877, July 24.  
75—3—21

*Children 9*

1. George Forry
2. Jacob Forry
3. Samuel Forry, Aug. 4, 1842—1917, Feb. 17. 74—5—14. Lived Hanover, Pa.  
m—Elizabeth Miller, May 6, 1844—1917, Aug. 25. 73—3—19  
Elizabeth Miller, sister of Ezra Miller, died 6 months after her husband  
No issue

Will Book 3F—239—1917.

Will Book 3G—35—1917.

4. John Forry
5. Maria Forry, m—Bricker
6. Ann Forry, m—Dubbs
7. Elizabeth Forry, m—Bollinger
8. Magdalena Forry, m—Bowman
9. Susan Forry, m—Kehr

6. DAVID FORRY

Jan. 13, 1801—1869, Jan. 8

Lived Heidelberg Twp.

m—Nov. 9, 1848 Catherine Witmer of Stony Brook, Feb. 17, 1805—1888, Jan. 15

*Child 1*

1. David Forry, b Jan. 27, 1850, at 8 A.M.  
He received \$8,250.85 from his father  
His mother's share was \$4,125.42 in full  
m—May 30, 1876 Anna M. Miller, b July 11, 1854

*Child 1*

1. Bertha Forry, b Nov. 11, 1877  
m—Alvin R. Nissley  
Live Broadway, Hanover, Pa.

*Children 2*

1. Catherine Forry Nissley  
b 1905
2. Mary Lorrene Nissley  
b 1908

Ref.: Deed Book 5I—133—1871.

7. ANNA FORRY

Oct. 22, 1802—1891, July 23. 88—9—1

Lived Heidelberg Twp.

m—1826 Daniel Bair (Bare), June 15, 1802—1871, Jan. 26

*Children 8*

1. John Bare, Apr. 24, 1827—
  2. Amanda Bare, Feb. 4, 1829—1916
  3. Maria Bare, Aug. 3, 1830—1857
  4. Anna Bare, May 4, 1832—1919
  5. Daniel Bare, June 1834—
  6. Susanna Bare, twin, Oct. 16, 1836—1873, Oct. 23
  7. Barbara Bare, twin, Oct. 16, 1836—1836
  8. Mattie Bare, Feb. 21, 1840—1851
- None of them ever married

8. BARBARA FORRY

Dec. 4, 1805—1882, Nov. 9

m—1844 Benjamin Hershey, son of John who was b Oct. 28, 1769, and died 1829, Feb. 8

*Child 1*

1. John F. Hershey, lives Menges' Station  
m—1867 Susan M. Miller, b Jan. 20, 1846—

*Children 4*

1. John Jacob Hershey, m—Minnie Throne



*Children 3*

1. Susanna Hershey
2. Florence Hershey
3. Barbara Hershey
2. Joseph Hershey, died young
3. Charles Hershey, m—Lillian Overlander
4. Alvin Hershey, m—Lillie Hershey

*Child 1*

1. Helen Hershey

Susan M. Miller-Hershey was the daug. of Jacob Miller and his wife Susan Mause, near Menges' Station, on the trolley line to Hanover and York

Ref.: Deed Book 10X—233—1897.

Know all men, etc., that we John M. Miller, Jacob M. Miller, Executors last will of Susan Forry, late of Hanover, Pa., dec., have received from Jesse Forry, Henry Forry, executors of last will of Benjamin Forry, dec., the sum of \$266.40 in full payment of amount due said Susan Forry, now dec., from 1894 to 1895 date of her death; under a certain marriage contract entered into by said Susan Forry, then the widow of Jacob Miller, dated Jan. 12, 1880, recorded in Book 6N, page 110, she was the mother of Susan M. Miller.

(signed) John M. Miller  
Jacob M. Miller

9. GEORGE FORRY

Nov. 9, 1807—1887, Feb. 18

Lived Heidelberg Twp.

m 1st—Mar. 21, 1837 Nancy Boyer, Aug. 29, 1813—1846, Oct. 5

*Children 4*

1. John Forry, b Mar. 6, 1840  
m 1st—Kate Rife. No issue  
m 2nd—Emma Workley. No issue
2. Peter Forry, Dec. 11, 1842—1843
3. Anna Forry, b Dec. 12, 1843  
m—Jacob Hershey  
Live Spring Grove

*Child 1*

1. George Forry Hershey, m—Emma Bechtel

*Children 5*

1. George Hershey

2. Amanda Hershey, m—Paul Toman

5 *Children*, names not known

3. Maria Hershey, m—Clayton Hoover. *Child 1*: Anna Hoover
4. Joseph Hershey, m—Hattie Nace. No issue
5. Lena Hershey, m—Andrew Rudisilli. No issue

4. George B. Forry, Apr. 25, 1846—

Lived Spring Grove, Pa.

m—1871 Kate Swartz, daug. of Dietrich

*Children 3*

1. Charles S. Forry, graduated from Cumberland Valley State Normal, class of 1899, at Shippensburg, Pa. Received his business education in Lancaster, Pa.  
In 1905 he was in 1st Nat. Bank m—Hoke. 1 *Child*, name unknown
2. Roy Forry, m—Hoke  
4 *Children*, names unknown
3. Lena Forry, m—Myers  
2 *Children*, names unknown

[5. MARGARET FORRY

1839—

Lived Penn Twp.

m—1893 to Andrew B. Rudisilli

b Oct. 20, 1820—1906

Married very late in life

He owned grist and saw mill, etc.

Members St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Baltimore near Hanover, Pa.

He was the son of Andrew (b 1795—) and his wife Mary Bechtel (1794—1850)

Ref.: History of York Co., Pa.

Bears & Co., Chicago, Ill. Vol. 2—510.]

George Forry was a hatter, having learned the trade in Hanover, Pa. Later he learned the tanner's trade, and worked at it 18 years. After that he went to farming. He owned 6 farms in the county, a total of 800 acres. Prior to his death he lived, retired, in Heidelberg Twp., aged 80 years. He is buried at Garber's Mennonite Meeting House.  
m 2nd—Nov. 27, 1849 to Elizabeth Hershey (Nov. 5, 1820—1875, Mar. 11) of Adams Co., Pa.

- Children 5*
1. Kate Forry, b Dec. 29, 1850  
m—Ezra M. Miller  
*Children 3*
    1. George Forry Miller, b 1872  
m—Jennie Eichelberger  
*Children 5*
      1. Raymond Miller
      2. Quintin Miller
      3. Ezra Miller
      4. Treva Miller
      5. Arline Miller
    2. Charlie Miller, b 1875  
m—Sadie Stump  
*Children 5*
      1. Irvin Miller, m—Jennie Stam-  
baugh  
*Children 2: 1. Raymond Miller  
and 2. Francis Miller*
      2. Alma Miller
      3. Daniel Miller
      4. Richard Miller
      5. Calvin Miller
  3. Kate Miller, b 1877  
m—Robert Moul  
*Children 7*
    1. Beatrice Moul
    2. Lucy Moul
    3. Alvin Moul
    4. Charles Moul
    5. Lena Moul
    6. Emma Moul
    7. Mary Moul
  2. Daniel H. Forry  
b Feb. 9, 1851  
m—Amanda  
*Children 2*
    1. Millie Forry  
m—Sam Kellar  
No issue
    2. Mary Forry  
m—Robert Althoff  
No issue
  3. Joseph H. Forry  
b Aug. 7, 1853  
Lived Hanover, Pa.  
m—Sarah E. Miller  
*Children 3*
    1. G. Raymond Forry, b 1884  
m—1911 Anna K. Bowman, Apr.

- 21, 1880—1920, Apr. 15  
No issue
2. J. Veritas Forry, b 1888
  3. Cleason Forry, b 1891  
m—1919 Bertha Keagy  
*Child 1*
    1. Margaret Rebecca Forry, b  
1920—
  4. Amanda Forry  
b July 18, 1855  
m 1st—John Lilich  
m 2nd—Martin Whistler  
No issue
  5. Sarah Forry, b 1856  
m—Al Hare  
*Children 6*  
4 girls, 2 boys, names unknown
10. BENJAMIN FORRY  
Mar. 2, 1809—1880, Oct. 7  
Lived Adams Co. and Hanover, Pa.  
m 1st—Elizabeth Myers, Nov. 30, 1809—  
1877, May 22. 65—5—2  
*Children 6*
  1. Maria Forry, Aug. 14, 1833—  
m—Benjamin Hostetter, Sept. 25, 1832  
Lived Adams Co. and Hanover, Pa.  
*Children 5*
    1. Ezra Hostetter  
b Jan. 13, 1866  
Lives Hanover, Pa.  
Cigar manufacturer  
m—Agnes Frey  
*Children 3*
      1. Robert Hostetter
      2. Chester Hostetter
      3. Worton Hostetter
    2. Abraham Hostetter, b June 18,  
1868  
Cigar manufacturer  
m—1900 Louisa Basehoar  
Live in Hanover, Pa.  
*Children 3*
      1. Blanche Hostetter
      2. Edwin Hostetter
      3. Bertha Hostetter
    3. Benjamin Hostetter  
b Aug. 22, 1873  
Lives Hanover, Pa.  
m—Kate Ickes



*Child 1*

1. Naomi Hostetter
4. John Hostetter, b Nov. 26, 1877  
Lives Hanover, Pa.  
m—Anna Etzler

*Children 3*

1. Larue Hostetter
2. Percell Hostetter
3. Henrietta Hostetter
5. Henry Hostetter, b Apr. 4, 1871
2. Matilda Forry, Sept. 17, 1834—1860,  
Mar. 1  
Lived Mummersburg, Adams Co.  
m—Sept. 2, 1856 Abraham Rife  
He died Mar. 2, 1860  
Buried in same grave

*Children 2*

1. Henry Rife, died young
2. Abraham Rife, b Feb. 20, 1860  
m—Dec. 18, 1884 Sarah Jane  
Geislman, July 31, 1861—1913,  
June 17  
No issue  
He is a rather good-looking man,  
given to hospitality  
He has spent many winters at St.  
Petersburg, Florida
3. Anna Forry, Dec. 31, 1835—1866, Nov. 5
4. Elizabeth Forry, 1840—1911, single
5. Jesse Forry, June 26, 1839—1906, July  
27  
m 1st—Amanda Livingston (Mar. 22,  
1847—1872, Sept. 23) of New Oxford

*Children 3*

1. Emma Forry, m—Howard Miller

*Children 4*

1. Jessie Miller, m—Morris  
Hilker
2. John Miller, m—Bertha Rudi-  
silli
3. Morris Miller, died young
4. Harry Miller
2. Anna Forry, m—John Rhodes of  
Hanover  
No issue
3. Amanda Forry, m—William Miller

*Children 6*

1. Catherine Miller
2. Annie Miller
3. Emma Miller
4. Lester Miller
5. Mary Miller
6. Paul Miller

Jesse Forry m 2nd—Amanda Shultz, Feb.  
13, 1844—1906, July 26

*Children 5*

1. Amos Forry, died young
2. Lucy Forry, m—Wm. Hartman

*Child 1*

1. Elizabeth Hartman, m—Paul  
Rupp
3. Jessie Forry, b 1882—  
m—Clayton Sell

*Child 1*

1. Richard Sell, died young
4. Paul Forry, b 1883—  
m—Fink  
Live in Owasca, Mich.

*Children 2*

1. Robert Paul Forry
2. Frederick Forry
5. Edward Forry, b 1885—  
Single. Lives Hanover, Pa.
6. Henry Forry, Apr. 1, 1844—  
Lived near Littlestown, now in Hanover,  
Pa.  
m—Jan. 14, 1875 Lucinda M. Kindig,  
Dec. 28, 1851—1889, Apr. 7

*Children 3*

1. Wesley Lake Forry, b Nov. 5, 1875  
Lives Harrisburg, Pa.  
Has a store in Penn-Harris Hotel  
m—Ada Kline of Allentown, Pa.
2. Anna Virginia Forry, died young
3. Lilly May Forry, June 20 (or 21),  
1881—1918, Jan. 17  
m—Martin M. Grove
10. BENJAMIN FORRY  
m 2nd—1880 Susanna M. Miller, widow of  
Jacob Miller, maiden name Maus  
No issue

# Abraham Forry

## 3rd Child of John who died 1782

3. ABRAHAM FORRY  
1769—  
Lived Newberry Twp. and York  
Never married
4. ELIZABETH FORRY  
Oct. 26, 1771—1835, Dec. 25  
Lived near Hanover, Pa., in Manheim Twp.  
Buried at Garber's Meeting House at Menges' Station  
m—Jacob Driver  
*Children:* Peter Driver and others
5. MARGARET FORRY  
1773—
6. DANIEL FORRY  
1775—  
Lived in Manchester Twp.  
Was a tanner by trade  
m—Anna Mary Kindig, daug. of Anna M. Kindig who died 1798  
  
Ref.: Her Will. Book K—23—1798.  
Willed money from estate of John Herr of Lancaster, Pa.  
*Children* not known
7. RUDOLPH FORRY  
Nov. 21, 1777—1841, July 10  
Lived in York Co., and in York, N. E. corner of Newberry and Market Sts.  
Owned a tan yard  
m—Elizabeth Lichtenberger, daug. of George who served in Revolutionary War  
She was b May 29, 1779; died 1853, Apr. 17  
They are both buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, near the Soldiers' Monument  
  
*Children* 10
  1. Margaret Forry, 1803—1829, May 6
  2. Elizabeth Forry, 1806—1835
  3. Abraham Forry, May 11, 1808—1872, Oct. 30
  4. Catherine Forry, May 17, 1810—
  5. Lydia Forry, Sept. 1, 1812—1888, Sept. 8
  6. John Forry, b 1815, died young

7. Susan Forry, Mar. 9, 1817—
8. Rudolph Forry, b Sept. 24, 1819, died young
9. Forry, b June 26, 1821, died young
10. — Forry  
Taken from an old family Bible
1. MARGARET FORRY  
1803—1829  
m—John Ginter  
  
*Child* 1
  1. Elizabeth Ginter. Single
2. ELIZABETH FORRY  
1806—1835  
b in York  
m—1827 to John Wilden (about 1800—1857)  
Moved to Ohio, where she died of home-sickness  
  
*Children* 3
  1. Abraham Forry Wilden
  2. John Wilden
  3. Anna Maria Wilden, 1831—1896  
After the death of their mother the 3 children were taken to York by their Aunt Susan Forry
- John Wilden m 2nd—
1. ABRAHAM FORRY WILDEN, SR.  
18 —191—  
Lived in York; Ohio; and several places in Indiana, where he finally settled in Goshen, where he died  
m 1st—Julia Hyde, daug. of Dr. Hyde of Chicago—an Englishman  
  
*Children* 7
  1. Silas Philetus Wilden  
b Burlington, Ohio  
Came to Middlebury, Ind., with parents when quite young  
For many years in the shoe business in Goshen, Ind.  
m—July 10, 1883 Sue Anna Erben, b —, died 1920, Feb. 2



She was born in Lancaster, Pa.; moved with her parents to Philadelphia where they lived until after her father's death; then moved to York where they resided with her Uncle, Alfred Gartman, on West Market St.

*Children 3*

1. Bessie Gartman Wilden. Single
2. Helen Hyde Wilden, —1903, Oct. 9
3. Florence Julia Wilden. Single  
The two sisters live in the only home they ever knew—North Main St., Goshen, Ind.

2. Minnie Katherine Wilden. Single  
b 1858 in Burlington, Ohio; died 1924 in Goshen, Ind.

3. Nellie May Wilden, b Middlebury, Ind.  
Lived Goshen, Ind., and died there 1921, Oct. 2

m—Feb. 26, 1885 George Henry Cregier  
He was born Williamsburg, N. Y.; died in Goshen 1929

For years he was bookkeeper for Sanders and Egbert Lumber Mill

Mr. and Mrs. Cregier were members of the Presbyterian Church of Goshen; both sang in the choir for many years and had beautiful voices

*Children 7*

1. Mary Julia Cregier, died at 3 years
2. George Abram Cregier, commercial artist  
m—Marie Howard  
Lived Cleveland, Ohio, and again in Goshen, Ind., 1930
3. Mervin Louis Cregier, electrician  
Lives Goshen, Ind.  
m—June 16, 1909 Bessie Georgiann Champion

*Child 1*

1. Joseph George Cregier
4. Marguerite May Cregier, m—Dec. 28, 1922 Lester L. Lindhorn of Chicago  
2 *Children*
5. Wilden Cregier, died infancy
6. William Cregier, died infancy
7. Fred Wilden Cregier, died Dec. 6, 1911; killed by a playmate while shooting at a mark

4. William James Wilden, b Middlebury; lives Goshen, Ind.

Farmer

m—Oct. 10, 1895 Lina Herald

No issue

5. Blanche Lee Anna Wilden, b Goshen, Ind.  
m—Nov. 24, 1892 Louis August Dennert  
He was born in Adrian, Mich. Moved to Elkhart, Ind. Lawyer

*Children 2*

1. A son, b 1902, died in 3 days
2. Louanna Dennert, b 1910 in Elkhart  
m—1930. 1 *Child*

6. Todd Forry Wilden, b Goshen 1867  
m—Dec. 24, 1891 Blanche Leona Barnhart (—1930) of Cromwell, Ind.

*Children 9*

1. Thaddeus Barnhart Wilden, b in Cromwell, lived Goshen  
m—Dec. 29, 1913 Lucretia Belle Nusbaum of Wakarusa, Ind.

*Children 3*

1. Abraham Forry Wilden, b Dec. 4, 1914
2. Winefred Susan Wilden, b Nov. 27, 1916
3. Ruth Lillian Wilden, b Dec. 28, 1918

Thad, as he was familiarly called, was brakeman on the railroad, and was crushed between 2 cars and almost instantly killed 1919, Sept. 19

2. Maurice Dent Wilden, b Goshen, Ind.  
m—Jan. 1918 Amanda Elizabeth Johnson of Montpelier, Ohio  
Brakeman on same railroad as his brother Thad was

3. Julia Leona Wilden, b in Goshen, Ind.  
Graduated Goshen High School  
Employed in Elkhart County Trust Co. until her marriage  
m—Nov. 30, 1922 Dewitt McCally. They have children

4. Isabel Martha Wilden, Graduated Goshen High School  
Employed in office of Hawks' Hardware Co., Goshen



ABRAHAM FORRY  
Son of Rudolph



MRS. WILLIAM PIPER



SILAS FORRY



MRS. SILAS FORRY



MRS. WM. A. WILT  
Daughter of Rudolph Forry



KATHERINE WILT  
Daughter of Philetus Wilt



MRS. STEPHEN KEEFER  
Daughter of Rudolph Forry





m—July 3, 1925 Rayburn La Mar Snyder

2 *Children*, names unknown

5. Robert Todd Wilden, b Dec. 18, 1902—

In army training

6. Katherine Louise Wilden, b June 19, 1905—

7. Gertrude Evelyn Wilden, b Jan. 8, 1908—

8. Blanche Anna Wilden, b Sept. 18, 1910—

9. Vivian Jane Wilden, b Jan. 1, 1917—

This family history was given me by Minnie K. Wilden in 1922. Supplemented by I. Martha Wilden in 1925.

7. Abraham Forry Wilden, Jr. Bachelor  
Lived in Goshen, Ind., died in Tenn.

1. ABRAHAM FORRY WILDEN, SR.—Continued  
m 2nd—Feb. 28, 1900 Mary E. Nilson,  
widow of Ira Stansberger, Jr., of St. Louis,  
Mo.

Her 1st husband was David William Moore  
of New York City

She lived in Chicago and, after her third  
marriage, in Goshen, Ind. Still living there in  
1931

2. DR. JOHN WILDEN

Lived Elkhart, Ind.

m—Kate Wilden, his cousin

*Children* ?

3. ANNA MARIA WILDEN

b in Ohio 1831—1896

Lived in York; Mich.; Elkhart and Goshen,  
Ind.

m—1862 Alfred Willey

*Children* 4

1. Susan Elizabeth Willey, b Mt. Pleasant,  
Isabelle Co., Mich.

m—Feb. 13, 1886 Dr. John Bowser (—  
1918 June)

Lives Syracuse, Ind.

Dr. Bowser was the ideal family phy-  
sician, and his death was a great shock,  
not only to the town he lived in, but also  
to the country for miles around

*Children* 4

1. Howard Bowser, lived Syracuse,  
Ind.; now in Chicago  
m—

*Children* 2

1. Died infancy

2.

2. Harold Bowser, lived Syracuse,  
Ind.; Cleveland, Ohio; now Elkhart,  
Ind.

Realtor and lawyer

m—Marie

3. Philip Bowser, M. D.

m—Erma Gortner

2 *Children*, names unknown

4. Daughter, drowned

2. Nellie Willey

m 1st— . No issue

m 2nd—William Kerwin

Live Chicago

3. John Willey

4. — Willey

3. ABRAHAM FORRY (OF RUDOLPH)

May 11, 1808—1872, Oct. 30

Lived in York. Tanner

He looked like a Frenchman and was a fine-  
looking man

m 1st—Mary Ann Myers, 1807—1832, Nov.  
30

*Children* 2

1. Henry Forry, 1832—1840, Dec. 5

2. Margaret Forry, 1830—

m—Morgan Medlar—a runaway match

*Child* 1

1. Forry Medlar. Had much of the  
Wild Forry in him; finally settled  
down and m—

1 *Child*

m 2nd—Mary Herr, 1809—1873

*Children* 2

1. Elizabeth Forry

Late in life m—Col. William Piper of  
Lancaster, Pa.—his second wife

No issue

2. Silas Herr Forry, 1838—18

m—Lucy Hoke, daug. of William Hoke  
(Sept. 10, 1817—1886, May 29) and his  
wife Susan Laucks (Mar. 3, 1824—1912,  
Oct. 7. 88—7—4

*Children* 4

1. Mary Forry, m—Frank Spahr

2. Bessie Forry. Single

3. Lucy Forry, m—Dr. Will Eisenhart

4. William Forry, 1887—1889

For full account see Smyser genealogy.



4. CATHERINE FORRY

May 17, 1810—

Lived Dover Twp., York Co.; also Conewago Twp.

m—John Bowersox, Mar. 17, 1809—1885, Sept. 28

*Children 8 (not in order)*

1. Savilla Bowersox, m—Israel Boyer
2. Margaret Bowersox, Mar. 7, 1839—
3. Adam Bowersox, m—Lavinia Hantz
4. Lydia Bowersox, m—Felix Bentzel
5. Henry Bowersox, m—Virginia Gunn
6. Cassie Bowersox, m—Charles Schrieber
7. Mary Ann Bowersox, m—Lewis Neiman
8. Elizabeth Bowersox, 1835—1846

1. SAVILLA BOWERSOX

Lived Weiglestown, York Co.

m—Israel Boyer, farmer

No issue. Raised 6 children

2. MARGARET BOWERSOX

Lived Dover Twp., York Co.

m—Jesse Yost, farmer

No issue

3. ADAM BOWERSOX

Oct. 2, 1836—

m—Jan. 7, 1858 Lavinia Hantz, —1913, Dec. 4

*Children 9*

1. Roman Hillery Bowersox, Dec. 28, 1859—
2. Lucy Alice Bowersox, Dec. 20, 1862—
3. Ida Ellen Bowersox, May 5, 1865—
4. Amanda Elizabeth Bowersox, June 3, 1868—
5. John Henry Bowersox, 1870—1905  
Single
6. Aaron Joseph Bowersox, June 3, 1873—
7. Charles Allen Bowersox, Apr. 14, 1876—
8. Laura Agnes Bowersox, July 31, 1880—
9. Nora Catherine Bowersox, Apr. 17, 1885—

Single; lives with her father in Dover

1. ROMAN HILLERY BOWERSOX

b Dec. 28, 1859

Lived Dover, York Co.

For many years a Justice of Peace

Raised wonderful strawberries, just out of town

m—Amanda Link, sister of Prof. Harry Link of York

*Child 1*

1. John Russell Bowersox, b 1900. m—

2. LUCY ALICE BOWERSOX

m—Jacob Spahr, Dover Twp.

*Child 1*

1. Clarence Spahr, b 1893

3. IDA ELLEN BOWERSOX

m—Eli Gerbrick, Manchester Twp.

*Children 4*

1. Horace Eugene Gerbrick, b 1893
2. John Gerbrick
3. Edgar Gerbrick
4. Iva Gerbrick  
m—1920 John Border

4. AMANDA ELIZABETH BOWERSOX

m—George Feiser of Dover, Pa.

*Child 1*

1. Lucy May Feiser

5. JOHN HENRY BOWERSOX

1870—1905

6. AARON JOSEPH BOWERSOX

June 3, 1873—

Lived Manchester Twp.

m—Nora Harbaugh. No issue

7. CHARLES ALLEN BOWERSOX

Bachelor

Lives San Francisco, Calif.

8. LAURA AGNES BOWERSOX

m—1898 Charles Coble, Dover Twp.

*Children 9*

1. Ralph Coble, b 1899
2. Lucy Alice Coble, b 1905
3. Catherine Eliz. Coble, b 1906
4. Rosella Agnes Coble, b 1908
5. John Adam Coble, b 1910
6. Aileen Lovina Coble, b 1913
7. Ida Ellen Coble, b 1915
8. Dale Silvester Coble, b 1917
9. Zylpha Leona Coble, b 1918

4. LYDIA BOWERSOX (OF CATHERINE FORRY)

m—Felix Bentzel

*Children 3*

1. Minnie Bentzel, died young
2. George Bentzel
3. Daisey Bentzel

5. HENRY BOWERSOX

b York Co.; moved to Grand Rapids and Ionia, Mich.

m—Virginia Gunn

*Child 1*

1. John Bowersox

6. CASSIE BOWERSOX

Lived on the Berlin Road

m—Charles Shriver (Schreiber)

*Children 4*

1. Mame Shriver, lived near Spring Grove,  
then on the Berlin Road  
m—Clayton Miller, farmer

*Children 4*

1. Harry Miller
  2. Grace Miller
  3. Florence Miller
  4. David Miller
2. Maggie Shriver
  3. Annie Shriver
  4. George Shriver
7. MARY ANN BOWERSOX  
Lived York Co., Pa.; and Denver, Colo.  
m—Nov. 1, 1870 Lewis Neiman

*Children 6*

1. Carrie Jane Neiman
2. Anna Virginia Neiman. Single
3. Margaret May Neiman. Single
4. John Henry Neiman
5. Mary Ellen Neiman
6. Margery Victoria Neiman  
m—Aug. 9, 1905 Carl C. Jackson

*Children 2*

1. Mary Evelyn Jackson, b May 10,  
1907
2. Dorothy Ann Jackson, b Feb. 17,  
1914

They lived in Kalamazoo, Mich.

He manufactured machinery of his own  
design

1. CARRIE JANE NEIMAN

Lived Lehman, W. Va.; moved to Roanoke,  
Va.

Manager general store owned by Pulaski  
Iron Works

m—Oct. 22, 1891 George W. Fackler, related  
to Dr. Fackler of York

*Children 9*

1. Milliard Fackler, b Oct. 25, 1892
2. Mary Fackler, b Sept. 28, 1895  
m—Jan. 21, 1920 Henry Thomas Dun-  
gan, Roanoke, Va.
3. Ruth Ann Fackler, b Jan. 22, 1897
4. Margaret Fackler, b May 24, 1898
5. Alice Catherine Fackler, b 1901, died  
young
6. George W. Fackler, b 1903, died young
7. Lewis Daniel Fackler, b Nov. 24, 1907
8. Charles Edward Fackler, b Nov. 13, 1910
9. Betty Jane Fackler, b Dec. 24, 1914

2. ANNA VIRGINIA NEIMAN  
Single

3. MARGARET MAY NEIMAN  
Single

4. JOHN HENRY NEIMAN

Lived Denver, Colo.

m—July 28, 1900 Catherine Lechner

*Children 7*

1. John Richard Neiman, May 21, 1901
2. Theodore Lechner Neiman, b Apr. 6,  
1903
3. George Heilman Neiman, b Nov. 26,  
1904
4. Ralph Forry Neiman, b Apr. 20, 1906
5. Lauriel Esther Neiman, b June 15, 1908
6. Dorothy May Neiman, b June 6, 19
7. Katherine Aileen Neiman, b Feb. 22,  
1917

5. MARY ELLEN NEIMAN

Lived Chicago, Ill., and suburb

m—Sept. 29, 1908 George A. Brown

*Child 1*

1. Virginia Alice Brown, b 1910

5. LYDIA FORRY (OF RUDOLPH)  
1812—1888

b York, lived and died there

m—1835 William Alexander Wilt, son of  
Peter and his wife Catherine Ernst

*Children 7*

1. Imilda Arabella Wilt, m—May 4, 1854  
Israel Laucks
2. Philetus Forry Wilt, m—Mary Metzgar,  
daug. of Elder
3. Adelaide Wilt, died young
4. Amanda Wilt, died at 76 yrs.
5. Lydia Ann Wilt, 1844—. Twin
6. William Wilt, b 1844, died young. Twin
7. William Alexander Wilt, Jr., died young

1. IMILDA ARABELLA WILT

Aug. 19, 1836—1893, Mar. 17

Lived West Market St., York

m—May 4, 1854 Israel Laucks (Laux as  
originally spelled even by his grandfather,  
Casper Laux. I found in one deed five different  
ways of spelling the name and yet he signed  
the deed Casper Laux)

Sept. 6, 1827—1918, May 15

*Children 6*

1. Irene Elizabeth Laucks. Single
2. George Wilt Laucks, —1930 Dec.
3. Amanda Lydia Laucks



4. Grace Virginia Laucks

5. Sadie May Laucks

6. Samuel Forry Laucks

For full account of the family see Mathias Smyser 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Elizabeth, daug. of Mathias 3rd, m—George Laucks

2. PHILETUS FORRY WILT 4

Lived York

Coal merchant. City treasurer, and one of the nicest men, so kind and good and honorable m—Mary Jane Metzgar of Hanover, daug. of Frederick Elder and his wife

*Children 4*

1. Katherine E. Wilt

2. William Metzgar Wilt

3. Lelia Wilt

4. Paul Elder Wilt

1. KATHERINE E. WILT

b in York; died in York in 1931

Lived after her marriage in Goshen and South Bend, Ind. In 1924 moved to Memphis, Tenn. m—Clarence W. Hyde, son of Edward and his wife Mina of Goshen, Ind.

In the lumber business

*Children 4*

1. Milo Wilt Hyde

2. Clarence W. Hyde, Jr.

3. Mary Katherine Hyde, m—Dec. 25, 1924 in Memphis, Tenn., to Fred Irwin of South Bend, Ind., who is in the radio business

4. Lelia Hyde

2. WILLIAM METZGAR WILT

1872—1909. Died in California

m 1st—Annie Kellar

*Child 1*

1. Carleton Kellar Wilt, m—June 6, 1924

Bonnie Thompson of Virginia

m 2nd—Poleman. No issue

3. LELIA WILT

b in York. Lived in Rome, Ga.

Was a very accomplished vocal soloist

She studied in Baltimore and in New York

m—Luther Miles Weitzel

*Child 1*

1. Leroy Weitzel

The parents both died when he was quite young

He was raised by his grandmother Wilt, née Mary Metzgar

4. PAUL WILT

b York

Lived many years in Phoenixville, Pa.

Watchmaker and jeweler

m—Katherine S.

*Children 3*

1. Margaret Wilt

2. Paul Wilt, Jr.

3. Ruth Wilt

6. JOHN FORRY (OF RUDOLPH)

Died young

7. SUSAN FORRY

1817—. Lived York and Hanover, Pa.

m—May 18, 1858 Stephen Keefer—his 2nd wife

He m 1st—Dec. 24, 1840 Catherine Ann Bixler. He was married three times. His third wife was Josephine. No issue

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## Jacob Forry

### Brother of John who died 1782

2. JACOB FORRY

Died before 1800

m—Anna Keagy, daug. of Jacob

*Children 8*

1. Nancy Forry, m—George Blintzinger

2. Elizabeth Forry, m—John Bolton

3. John Forry

4. Veronica Forry, m—Jacob Overdeer

5. Jacob Forry, m—

6. Abraham Forry, m—

7. Henry Forry, 1784—1862

m twice—

8. Mary Forry

Anna Keagy-Forry m 2nd—John Miller ( —1805) in Hanover, Pa.

See Will Book L—271—1805. York.

Anna Miller of Hanover, Pa., née Anna Keagy, daughter of Jacob m 1st to Jacob Forry m 2nd to John Miller

Will Book N—468—1817. York.

Real and personal estate to be sold.

ITEM: To daughter Elizabeth Forry, intermarried to John Bolton, 20 lbs. and some of her belongings.

ITEM: To son Jacob Forry 20 lbs. in full. Residue equally between my children John Forry; Abraham Forry; Veronica Forry m—Jacob Overdeer; Henry Forry, and Nancy Forry m—to George Blintzinger and Mary Forry, who is also to have my large family Bible.

Exec. son Henry Forry of Adams Co.

Witness:

Michael Heilman

1. NANCY FORRY

m—George Blintzinger, 1761—1847, Feb. 24  
He was 86 yrs. when he died at Hanover  
He was the last Revolutionary War soldier that lived and died in Hanover  
He was a noted musician (Copied from a paper)  
*Children unknown*

4. VERONICA FORRY. Lived Hanover, Pa.  
m—Jacob Overdeer, Jr. ( —1842)

*Children 8*

1. Eli Overdeer
2. George Overdeer
3. William Overdeer
4. Edward Overdeer
5. Catherine Overdeer
6. Lavinia Overdeer
7. Freney Overdeer
8. Mary Overdeer, m—George Michael

Nothing more known 1930

See Will Book S—234—1842. York.

7. HENRY FORRY (OF JACOB)

July 31, 1784—1862, Dec. 24

Lived East Berlin in 1811; Gettysburg, 1816; died in York

m 1st—Elizabeth Fahnestock, daug. of Samuel

*Children 3*

1. Catherine Forry, 1808—
2. Rebecca Forry, 1810—
3. Samuel Forry, 1811—1844  
m—Catherine Fahnestock in Chambersburg, Pa.; he was then living in Westminster, Md.  
He was an M.D. and was appointed surgeon in the U. S. Navy  
He was a member of a board of visitors

to Annapolis, and his name can be seen on the records of the academy

He travelled, and we have two books by him on the climate of the U. S. He also edited the Medical Journal in N. Y. City where he died, buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn. Monument erected by his admirers and friends

*Child 1*

1. Adelaide Forry, buried Gettysburg, Pa., in cemetery connected with Reformed Church

m 2nd—1817 Sarah Swigart, daug. of Abraham

*Children 8*

1. Elizabeth Forry, 1818—1882. Twin
2. Maria Forry, 1818— . Twin
3. Eleanor Forry, 1820—1884
4. Angeline Forry, 1821—1882
5. William Forry, 1825—
6. Amelia Forry, 1829—
7. Sarah Forry, 1830—
8. — Forry

1. ELIZABETH FORRY

Jan. 18, 1818—1882, Nov. 16

m—Daniel Kraber, 1808—1882

*Children 2*

1. Florence Maria Kraber, June 2, 1844—
2. Jack Kraber, moved South. m—

2. MARIA FORRY. m—Ben Shriver

3. ELEANORE FORRY

1820—1884

Lived Shippensburg, Pa., and Baltimore, Md.

m 1st—Ruply Croft, 1814—1852

*Children 3*

1. Henry Croft, 1842—1906
2. Samuel Croft
3. Laura Croft

m 2nd—June 2, 1853 Charles Letoriere, 1829—1905

*Children 4*

1. Clara Letoriere. Single
2. Grace Letoriere
3. Oscar Ferdinand Letoriere
4. Cora Ann Letoriere

1. HENRY CROFT

b 1842—1906

Lived in Shippensburg, Pa., Philadelphia, and Baltimore, Md., where he owned the finest drug store in the city

He was tall, slender and distinguished looking. A good son and brother. He was most kind and thoughtful of his step-sisters and brother.



I knew them all very well, as I was their guest many times

For years he was the main support of his family, as his mother ceased years before to live with her 2nd husband

m—Feb. 27, 1877 Bell Peoples of Coatesville, Pa. No issue

2. SAMUEL CROFT, b Oct. 25, 1844—

He was for years a druggist in Hagerstown, Md.  
m—late in life Allie Mann

Moved to New Jersey

3. LAURA CROFT, b Dec. 2, 1846—

m—Al Weaver of Shippensburg, Pa. 1 Child  
Moved to somewhere in the Southwest where she died

Of Eleanore Forry's 2nd marriage, we have the following:

2. Grace Letoriere, b Sept. 11, 1856; dec.

m 1st— — Johnston

m 2nd— — Rippy

m 3rd— — Dare

3. Oscar Ferdinand Letoriere

m—July 22, 1922, Mrs. Marie Louise Thompson, née Bamhurst

4. Cora Ann Letoriere

m 1st—Will Dodson

m 2nd—Charles W. Burton

*Children 3*

1. Romaine Burton, m—Oct. 1908  
Malcolm Rue

*Children 2*

1. Donald Asher Rue

2. Murriel Forry Rue

2. Eleanore Burton, m—June 15, 1915  
Walter Person

*Child 1*

1. Romaine Forry Person

3. Dorothy Burton, m—July 27, 1918  
Andrew A. Gerry

*Children 3*

1. D. Corinne Gerry

2. Marlyn Ethel Gerry

3. Eleanore Audry Gerry

4. ANGELINE FORRY (OF HENRY), 1821—1882

Died at Somerset, Pa.

m—1839 William Picking (1816—1881), son of Henry of York Co.

*Children 11*

1. Henry Forry Picking, 1840—

2. Amelia Picking, died young

3. Sarah Ellen Picking, died young

4. Samuel F. Picking, Jan. 21, 1846—  
1929, Jan. 9

5. Ida B. Picking, 1847—

6. Annie C. Picking, 1849—

7. Alice Picking

8. Lucy V. Picking, 1852—

9. Grace D. Picking, 1855—

10. William W. Picking, 1857—1923

11. Ross Picking

1. HENRY FORRY PICKING

1840—

Graduated from U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis

Lived all over the world

Became Rear Admiral of the U. S. Navy

Died Charleston Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.

m—1889 Laura Sherwood of Baltimore, Md.

He was a very handsome man and I remember on one occasion he led the procession at the Baltimore Oriole.

His mother was a strikingly fine-looking woman as I remember her, with snow white hair. She came to York from Somerset to attend her sister's, Mrs. Daniel Kraber's, funeral and remained over for the sale of household furniture and took pneumonia and died at my father's, Israel Laucks', home where she was a welcome and honored guest.

Admiral Picking was in Washington, D. C., at the time and in answer to a telegram arrived in York only in time to see her pass into the great beyond.

*Child 1*

1. Sherwood Picking

Also graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis

In 1921 he was Commander of a submarine at Honolulu, T. H., under Admiral Sampson

He left there for the Orient in Nov. When Cousin Sam Picking learned I was in Honolulu at that time he wrote me to look him up, but too late. Admiral Sampson said he had left right after Pearl Harbor day—the day that the Press Congress of the World were the guests of the Navy on sea and land.

4. SAMUEL FORRY PICKING

Bachelor

Chicago, Ill.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Somerset, Pa.

Very fine-looking as were all the family

## "S. F. P." ROUNDS OUT EIGHTIETH YEAR

### Retired Light-House Official. Familiar Figure on Streets of Somerset

One of the best preserved men in Somerset is Samuel F. Picking who, on Saturday, January 31st, celebrated his 80th anniversary at the family residence on East Patriot street. Mr. Picking received hundreds of greetings during the day, many of them coming from children who have learned to know him by name and have won a place in his affections. One unknown donor sent a large birthday cake and others baskets of flowers to the Picking home on Saturday.

Samuel F. Picking was born at Stoyestown and when quite young came to Somerset with his parents, who for many years conducted a hotel, Glade House, on the site now occupied by the residence of Capt. Charles J. Harrison and Mrs. William H. Ruppel, on East Main street. After graduating from the local schools Mr. Picking attended college at Gettysburg, Pa. Later he engaged in the wholesale confectionery business in Pittsburgh. He returned to Somerset late in the seventies and 1889 was appointed chief clerk in the federal light-house service, with headquarters in Chicago. In 1912 the district headquarters were transferred to Milwaukee and he remained in that city until a few years ago when his request to be placed on the retired list was granted. Mr. Picking's duties brought him in contact with many prominent people both in and out of the federal service and he made many friends in Chicago and Milwaukee.

Mr. Picking's most intimate friend in the U. S. Navy was Captain Charles E. Clark, who gained international prominence as commander on the Oregon on her record trip around the Horn from San Francisco to Norfolk immediately following the declaration of war against Spain, and later in the battle of San Diego, when the Oregon took a conspicuous part in sinking the Spanish fleet.

Mr. Picking was named for his uncle, Samuel Forry, a distinguished surgeon of his day. Dr. Forry served in the U. S. Army from 1836 to 1841, when his resignation, due to failing health, was accepted. After his retirement Mr. Forry made his home in New York

where he founded and edited the New York Journal of Medicine, and wrote a book on "The Climate of the United States," copies of which can be found in a number of public libraries in the East.

"S.F.P.," as he is known to his wide circle of friends, is to be seen on the streets at all hours of the day and early evening, as he travels about making social calls and looking after the family marketing. Mr. Picking is devoted to the great outdoors and when the weather permits he makes daily long excursions to the woods in pursuit of wild flowers.

Among his more intimate friends "S. F. P." enjoys the reputation of being unusually well-informed in literature and current events, and for possessing a marked penchant for wholesome humor and a store house of local anecdotes.

### PASSING OF SAMUEL F. PICKING

#### One of Somerset's Oldest and Most Appreciated Citizens Claimed by Influenza

##### EMPLOYED FOR MANY YEARS IN FEDERAL SERVICE

Samuel Forry Picking, one of Somerset's oldest and best known citizens, passed away at 6:15 o'clock Monday evening at the Community hospital, where he was admitted on the first day of the current year, suffering from influenza. His case was serious from the beginning. Several times during his illness he rallied and spoke hopefully of his condition. He was noticeably weaker Monday morning and became still weaker as the day wore away.

Samuel F. Picking was in the service of the government for many years as secretary of the Light-House District for Lake Michigan. For twenty-five years or more he was stationed at Chicago and later was transferred to Milwaukee. He was retired on pay from the federal service ten years ago, when he returned to Somerset to make his home with his three sisters and niece, Miss Marion Wright. In early manhood Mr. Picking engaged in the wholesale confectionery business in Pittsburgh, and for a few years conducted a jobbing business in maple products in Somerset.



Although unmarried Mr. Picking was extremely fond of children, greeting all of them with a pleasant smile and kindly word. He was personally known to thousands of little boys and girls in Chicago, Milwaukee and Somerset.

The regard in which Mr. Picking was held by the people of the community in which he lived as a young man and after his retirement was illustrated by the anxious inquiries made on every side during the few days of his last illness.

Mr. Picking was deeply interested in civic affairs and his fellow townsmen owe him a lasting debt of gratitude for the unselfish and untiring interest he manifested in improving and beautifying the town and everything appertaining to Somerset. He was one of the very few who devoted many hours of precious time and intelligent effort to the service of the public.

Samuel F. Picking was born at the foot of the Laurel Ridge, near the famous "Picking Curve," west of Jennertown, January 21, 1846, and attained the age of almost 84 years. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Picking. Two brothers, Rear Admiral Henry Forry Picking, U. S. N., and William W. Picking, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad official, and two sisters, Miss Ida Picking and Mrs. John C. Wright, preceded him in death. He is survived by two sisters, the Misses Lucy and Grace Picking, one niece, Miss Marion Wright, all of Somerset, and one nephew, Commander Sherwood Picking, U. S. N., of Washington, D. C.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Picking residence on East Patriot street, at 2:30 o'clock, tomorrow, Thursday afternoon, in charge of the Rev. Dr. I. Hess Wagner, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church.

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5. IDA PICKING  
Single

6. ANNIE C. PICKING  
m—1871 John C. Wright, of Bedford, Pa.  
*Child 1*

1. Marion Wright. Single

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MRS. ANNIE C. WRIGHT

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Cecelia Wright, widow of John C. Wright, who passed

away at 5:40 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Community hospital, where she was admitted the preceding Saturday, suffering from influenza, were conducted at the Picking residence on East Patriot street at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. Dr. I. Hess Wagner, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church, officiated.

Mrs. Wright's health had been impaired for two or three years, due to a fall, and when she was stricken with influenza her condition immediately became grave. Her only daughter, Miss Marion Wright, and her sister, Miss Lucy Picking, were with her when the messenger of death entered the sick room. Mrs. Wright's brother, Samuel F. Picking, occupied an adjoining hospital room, suffering from the same dread malady. He also died.

Beautiful both of face and character Mrs. Wright was greatly admired by all of her neighbors and wide circle of friends. She was equally as much admired by the young people of the community because of her rare personal charm and never-failing kindness to all with whom she came in contact.

Mrs. Wright was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Picking. She was a sister of the late Rear Admiral Henry F. Picking, U. S. N., and William W. Picking, for many years preceding his death associated with the passenger department of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Surviving are Mrs. Wright's daughter, her sisters the Misses Lucy and Grace Picking, and one nephew, Commander Sherwood Picking, U. S. N., of Washington, D. C.

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9. GRACE PICKING  
Single

10. WILLIAM W. PICKING  
Bachelor  
Lived Chicago, Ill. (City agent for the B. & O);  
Cumberland, Md.; Somerset, Pa. Died 1923

6. AMELIA FORRY (OF HENRY)  
m—Ben Shaw

7. SARAH FORRY  
1830—  
Lived in Chambersburg, Pa., when it was destroyed by fire by the Southern Rebels during the Civil War. Moved to Baltimore, Md. She and her husband died there  
m—Vincent McCoy—his 2nd wife. No issue

# UNCLASSIFIED

## Henry Smyser

1772-1860

m—Jane Fible

### *Children ?*

#### 1. GEORGE MICHAEL SMYSER

Sept. 4, 1802—1858. b near Louisville, Ky.

m—1825 Martha Noel

### *Children 4*

1. John Wesley Smyser, dec.

2. Samuel Smyser, dec.

3. Tom Smyser, dec.

4. Joel Henry Smyser, M. D.

Mar. 26, 1826—1879, Jan. 3

m—Jan. 28, 1849 Frances Warner Fretwell, b May 4, 1832; died 1923, July 20, Glenwood, Mo.

### *Children 17*

1. Leonard Alexander Smyser

Nov. 26, 1849—

m—Etta Shinn of Moulton, Iowa  
Live 1817 Vine St., Alhambra, Calif.

2. George Michael Smyser

Nov. 19, 1850—1865, June 21

3. Charles William Smyser

Mar. 24, 1852—1875, July 9

4. Samuel Irvin Smyser, July 31, 1854—

m—Sadie Terry of Glenwood, Mo.  
Live at Parma, Idaho.

5. Benjamin Du Bois Smyser

Nov. 2, 1855—. m—Harriet Dotson  
or Dodson of Glenwood  
Live Glenwood, Mo.

6. Emma Elizabeth Smyser

(See below)

Feb. 4, 1857—1928, Nov. 1

7. John Edward Smyser

Mar. 8, 1861—1861, Apr. 1

8. Joseph Henry Smyser

Jan. 9, 1862—1895, Jan. 12

9. Mary Nancy Smyser

Sept. 16, 1863—. m—Frank King  
Live Glenwood, Mo.

10. Ida Smyser. Twin

Apr. 25, 1865—

Lives Glenwood, Mo.

11. Abraham Lincoln Smyser. Twin

Apr. 25, 1865—1867, Feb. 25

12. Washington Smyser

Dec. 13, 1866—1897, Aug. 10

13. Franklin Smyser

Dec. 21, 1868—1918, Feb. 10

14. Phenice Smyser, Apr. 3, 1870—

m—Sarah Ransom of Moulton, Iowa  
Live Glenwood, Mo.

### *Children 6*

1. Ruby Trump Smyser

2. Goldie Spurgeon Smyser

3. Myrl Tade Smyser

4. Velta Sleeth Smyser

All married

5. James Warner Smyser

Bachelor

6. Herbert Hadley Smyser

m—Vade Johnson

Both sons live with their parents

15. Dora Smyser

Nov. 16, 1871—1873, Nov. 20

16. Katie Smyser

Aug. 26, 1873—1874, Mar. 15

17. Leona Smyser, June 17, 1875—

m—Robert Evans

Live Glenwood, Mo.

P. S.—This is the family record of my father and  
mother, sisters, and brothers.

Phenice Smyser.

Glenwood, Mo.

In a letter from Phenice Smyser he says that  
he lives in Glenwood, Mo., owns a farm and  
works at the carpenter trade as a side line.  
Wants a book when finished. Said he is not  
surprised I mistook him for a woman, as the



name Phenice is suitable for either sex. When I received his name and address, I wrote to Miss Phenice Smyser. He gave me much information in regard to his family—but left out mention of children, which is to be regretted, but anyone desiring further information can have it, I am sure, by writing to him.

He also gives the father (Lasrue) of Henry Smyser 1772—1860 as having come from Germany with his four brothers in 1770 and followed Daniel Boone into Kentucky; the other brothers settled in other states.

I very much doubt the correctness of it, as there is really no proof extant. The records were burned years ago.

6. EMMA ELIZABETH SMYSER (OF JOEL HENRY)  
Feb. 14, 1857—1929, Oct. 1  
m 1st—1873 at Glenwood, Mo., to William Redmond Stewart

*Children 8*

1. Estella Stewart, b Dec. 21, 1874  
m—1895 Edward M. Gigray  
Live Greeley, Colo.

*Child 1*

1. Alan Gigray
2. William Henry Stewart, b 1876, died infancy
3. Emma Rilla Stewart, b 1877  
m—1896 Howard Briscoe  
Live Greeley, Colo.

*Children 6*

1. Helen Briscoe, b 1897  
m—C. A. Corsberg  
Live Laramie, Wyo.

*Children 3*

1. Howard Corsberg
2. Kenneth Corsberg
3. Betty Corsberg
2. Elsie Briscoe, b 1900  
m—Harley R. Powell  
Live Los Angeles, Calif.

*Child 1*

1. Meryl Powell
3. Lulu Briscoe, b 1905  
m—John Burns  
Live Greeley, Colo.  
1 *Child*, a son
4. Stewart Burns, b 1909
5. Luther Burns, b 1910
6. Betty Burns, b 1913

4. Minnie May Stewart, b Dec. 12, 1879  
Lives McAllen, Texas  
m—1897 Lowrie M. Parks, died Feb. 21, 1931 in Los Angeles, Calif.

*Children 4*

1. Edna Doris Parks, b Dec. 1, 1897  
m—Carl O. Du Bois of Fall River, Mass.

*Child 1*

1. Claud Allison, b Feb. 2, 1921
2. Nellie Viola Parks, b 1902, died infancy
3. Laura Margaret Parks, b Apr. 22, 1906  
m—1929 Pearl S. Brown  
Live McAllen, Texas—both the living daughters live there 1931

*Child 1*

1. Spurgeon William Brown, b Apr. 16, 1930
4. Clara Elizabeth Parks, Dec. 16, 1909—1919, Sept. 13
5. Walter Bacchus Stewart, b Dec. 1, 1880  
m—1903 Grace Kistler  
Live Sterling, Colo.

*Child 1*

1. Irene Stewart, b 1908  
m—Henry Schneider
6. Warney Benjamin Stewart, b May 1, 1885—  
m—1904 Kate Finley  
Live Ft. Collins, Colo.

*Children 3*

1. Irwin W. Stewart, b 1905
2. Fern Stewart, b 1912
3. Katherine Stewart, b 1919
7. Sarah Frances Stewart, b June 22, 1882  
m 1st—1899 Eliza Moffitt  
m 2nd—1906 Charles Tippie, who died 1929, Aug. 28 at Little Rock, Ark.
8. Bessie Pearl Stewart, b Aug. 27, 1883  
m—Carl D. Alexander  
Live Emmett, Idaho

*Children 4*

1. Orval Alexander, b 1904
2. Alice Alexander, b 1913
3. Norman Alexander, b 1915
4. Lewis Alexander, b 1917, died infancy
6. EMMA ELIZABETH SMYSER  
m 2nd—1886 Green Berry Parks



MRS. WILLIAM REDMOND STEWART  
(EMMA ELIZABETH SMYSER)





### *Children 5*

1. Ida Parks, b 1890, died infancy
2. Ira Morgan Parks, b Jan. 4, 1892
3. Roy Carlton Parks, b Apr. 30, 1893  
m—1929 Kate Wagner, Greeley, Colo.
4. Lucy Parks, b 1895, died infancy
5. Mary Parks, b 1896, died infancy

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### MRS. MINNIE PARKS', OF McALLEN, TEXAS, TRIBUTE TO HER MOTHER

My mother was a very remarkable woman, wonderful spirit of cheerfulness under trying circumstances, and she was endowed with that underlying love and forbearance that was typical of many early pioneer women. She travelled overland in a covered wagon from Missouri to Colorado before the railroad was built, and settled with my father on a homestead miles from any town and no near neighbors at the time.

She was left a widow with seven small children, and how she ever made a living for us and kept the children all at home is more than I can understand. Her sacrifices for her family and the way she worked and planned and taught us to live honest and upright lives, has been my inspiration all through the trials I have met and overcome; truly she was a mother of whom it could be justly said, life could not hold enough years in which we could repay her mother love to us.

She was ambitious beyond her strength. Mother dug the post holes and put up the barbed-wire fence around the homestead and ploughed the sod and planted what crops there were raised.

My father was a consumptive and unable to do much work, that was the reason for going to Colorado in the first place. Mother hauled water five miles for house use, until at last she dug a well and got it walled up with stones.

She lived and worked for us all. It was 33 years before she ever returned to Missouri to see her old home and relatives, and it was my pleasure to furnish her that trip, soon after I was married, and am happy to say she went there three more times before she died.

No one but the Recording Angels could ever account for the deeds of kindness she did and

the untiring help she gave in those early days to the sick, when there were no doctors within reach. I recall my mother going horseback in the night to care for the sick and comfort those who were bereaved.

Her home was always a haven of rest to travellers.

She was never molested by the Indians, though she lived in constant fear of them at first, as their trail over the prairie came very near our house and she would often see them pass by, and later they attacked the Greeley colony and killed some people there she knew.

My brother Walter has the distinction of being the first baby boy born in the vicinity where they located, known as "Between the Thompsons," this being a strip of land extending from the mountains, running in easterly direction about 50 miles all bounded by two creeks, the one on the north being the Big Thompson and the one on the south the Little Thompson. They flow into the St. Vrain, then into the Poudre.

The cotton-wood trees are still growing on the old homestead, that mother transplanted from one of the creeks many years ago and hauled the water to keep them growing the first year.

Mother was a great lover of nature—flowers—snow-capped mountains—the moon and stars, and everything living possible, was hers to see and know.

"All that Life in payment asks  
For laughter, song and mirth  
Of those who dwell on earth  
A little kindness here and there  
A faith that never tires  
The will another grief to share  
Are all that life requires."

And the sunshine of her life, and her love and sympathy to all she came in contact with, will never be forgotten.

Mother often spoke of having a grandmother Du Bois. My daughter Edna married Carl Du Bois and mother said it was easy to remember because of her own grandmother's name, the same.



# Jacob Smyser

Died 1840, Sept. 14

Lived W. Manchester Twp., York Co.  
m—Catherine Herman of Spring Garden Twp.

## *Children 3*

1. Emanuel Smyser, Nov. 11, 1812—
2. Martin Smyser
3. Jacob Smyser, June 27, 1810—after 1878  
m—Aug. 30, 1832 Sarah Diehl, daug. of  
Nicholas Diehl

They moved from York Co., in 1832, to  
Wayne Co., Ohio, where he lived until  
his death in Plaine Twp.

They had 7 children

His father Jacob Smyser died Sept. 14,  
1840. He was a farmer

The subject of this notice has been  
a citizen of Wayne Co. for over 40 yrs.,  
and is one of the trustworthy men of  
Plaine Twp. Member of the Lutheran  
Church. Noted for his adherence to  
principle.

In 1836 the first Lutheran services  
were held in the home of Jacob Smyser.  
In 1842 a German Reformed and Luth-  
eran Church was built east of the  
village. The building committee con-  
sisted of Jonas Spangler, Washington  
Cassiday, and Jacob Smyser, Jr.

Mr. Smyser is the only one known to  
have been a Lutheran in the community  
at that time.

No regular organization occurred until  
1848, when a constitution was adopted  
and signed by these Smyasers:

Daniel Smyser and wife  
Martin Smyser and wife  
Jacob Smyser and wife  
Emanuel Smyser and wife  
as well as  
Samuel Bailey and wife  
George Lawrence  
David Horn  
Henry Horn

Hanna Kelley and  
Isaac Peterman

York Co., Pa. Book 3Y—755—Aug. 30,  
1851.

Jacob Smyser and wife Sarah of  
Wayne Co., Ohio, received from, etc.

Jacob Smyser and Sarah Diehl

## *Children 7*

1. Eliza Smyser, m—Hess
2. Henry Smyser
3. Ike Smyser
4. George Luther Smyser, 1849—1915
5. Jacob Smyser, 3rd, died young
6. Jane Smyser, lived Wooster, Ohio  
m—Moon. No issue
7. Rebecca Smyser, —192  
Lived Wooster, Ohio  
m—Aaron Buffenmyer

## *1 Child*

2. HENRY SMYSER  
—1910 or 1912

Lived Ohio. Moved to Sedgwick Co., Kansas  
He married, but his wife and children all died  
before he did

3. IKE SMYSER  
Lived Ohio and Kansas  
m—

## *Children 5*

1. Daisy Smyser
2. Mina Smyser
3. Delphia Smyser
4. Herbert Smyser
5. Bert Smyser

Ike Smyser came to Sedgwick Co., Kansas  
Lived on a farm, near Wichita

Of his children:

1. Daisy Smyser, m—Earl Brink
2. Mina Smyser, m—Brink, brother of Earl  
One lives in Kechi, and one on the farm  
near Kechi, which is about 10 miles from  
Wichita

3. Delphia Smyser, m—, husband dec. No issue  
She and her brother Albert (Bert) live on the old farm near Wichita
4. GEORGE LUTHER SMYSER  
Apr. 28, 1849—1915, Jan. 2  
m—Dec. 4, 1873 Lydia L. Norton, b Sept. 22, 1852

*Children 3*

1. Clyde Norton Smyser, Aug. 7, 1878  
Twin
2. Cleve Norton Smyser, Aug. 7, 1878  
Twin
3. Edward L. Smyser, 1875—  
Lives 4630 Osage Ave., West Philadelphia, Pa.  
m—1902 Jennie Connelly in New York City. No issue
1. CLYDE NORTON SMYSER  
Bachelor  
Lives with his mother, Mrs. G. L. Smyser, at 931 Buffum Ave., Wichita, Kansas  
He is a regent of the University of Wichita
2. CLEVE SMYSER  
m—Nov. 2, 1904 Vixen Kesler

*Children 3*

1. Donna Smyser, b 1905  
Received her A. B. degree from Kansas University in 1927

2. Jean Smyser, b 1908  
Studying commercial art in Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Cleve Smyser, Jr., graduated High School  
Lives 1615 Park Place, Wichita, Kansas

George Luther Smyser came to Kansas from Wayne Co., Ohio, 1844 or 5. Settled at Meriden near Topeka, before coming to Sedgwick Co.

The Smyasers in Wayne Co., Ohio, held various offices, such as Trustee—1855 E. Smyser, 1860 Jacob Smyser, Jr., also 1866 and 1872—73.

In 1861 Emanuel Smyser was assessor, and in 1869—1870 Albert Smyser held same office.

On the list of names of the first volunteers from Wayne Co., Ohio, there appears the name of Harmon Smyser.

Martin L. Smyser was prosecuting attorney in 1872 in Wayne Co., Ohio.

1. EMANUEL SMYSER (OF JACOB)  
Nov. 11, 1812—  
Lived Wayne Co., Ohio  
m—

*Children 2*

1. Albert Smyser
2. Harmon Smyser

## Henry B. Forry

Born 1856

Lives Broadway, Hanover, Pa.  
m—Oct. 8, 1878 Emma Miller  
She was b June 20, 1857; died 1918, Dec. 15  
She was the daug. of John Miller and his wife Barbara

*Children*

1. Annie Forry, m—Nov. 24, 1902 Jacob Stauffer

*Child 1*

1. Rebecca Stauffer, b Sept. 4, 1903

2. Sadie Forry, b Feb. 4, 1884  
m—Dec. 1, 1904 to Daniel Bare

*Children 2*

1. Elizabeth Bare, b Sept. 9, 1905
2. Emma Bare, b Dec. 1910
3. Emma Forry, b Feb. 7, 1886
4. Paul Forry, b, Aug. 6, 1887  
m—Oct. 12, 1913 Gertrude Sterner

*Child 1*

1. Catherine Forry, b Jan. 1918



# Rebecca Smyser

Lived York

m 1st—1820 Daniel Eichelberger, 1798—1852,  
June 20

## *Children 6*

1. John Eichelberger, Jan. 29, 1821—1896
2. Maria Joanna Eichelberger, Dec. 13, 1824—
3. Mary Jane Eichelberger, 1828—  
m—Ed Eppley
4. Elizabeth Eichelberger, 1832—  
m—Leon Rosenmiller
5. Georgiana Eichelberger, 1834—  
m—J. A. Weiser
6. Martin S. Eichelberger. Bachelor  
Jan. 27, 1836—1892, July 12

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## DANIEL EICHELBERGER

Son of John and Wife Sarah Dinkle  
From Eichelberger Genealogy

Daniel Eichelberger, the oldest son of John, became a very prominent son of his native town, was influential and prosperous, and filled many positions of trust in town and county, as well as being a very prominent worker in the early Lutheran Church of York. He married Rebecca Smyser, of that place, and had a family of six children. He was called from a useful life when in his prime, dying and leaving his family all surviving him.

John, the oldest son of Daniel, left York when a mere lad. Enthused by the tales of adventure and travel as sent back by his cousins Barnitz and Charles, he went to Ohio; stopped for a short while with Charles in Wooster, thence went to Mt. Vernon in the same State. About the year 1849 he went to California with a bad case of the gold fever, which was raging at that time. He used to tell the story that he came back with a "pocket full of experience," nothing more. During his stay in Mt. Vernon he married Amanda McIntyre, by whom he had three children. In Mt. Vernon he engaged extensively in the dry

goods business. When the call for troops were sounded in 1861, he was one of the first to respond; he was made 1st Lieutenant of Company K, 142d Regiment of the Ohio National Guards. To both officers and men, John Eichelberger, who was of a most genial, hearty and loving disposition, was so kind, so thoughtful, so much the friend, that at the close of the war they banded together and presented him with a silver water service, as a slight token of their remembrance of his many lovable qualities. Upon his return home, he soon wound up his business at Mt. Vernon and moved to Mansfield. Here he became a traveling salesman, and was one of the first in his adopted State. As one who knew him well tells us: "He was the most genial, big-hearted man I ever knew, who made a success at this business." He died lamented by many friends, at Mansfield, in 1896, his wife having gone before him fourteen years. Their oldest son, Norman M., is like his father a traveling salesman, representing the National Biscuit Co.

On their business he was at one time stationed at Towanda, Pa. Here he met, and in 1881 married Cora Bartlett. They have no children.

Catherine Rebecca, only daughter of John Eichelberger, son of Daniel, was born at Mt. Vernon, but is married and living in Mansfield. Her husband, H. B. Dirlam, is a very prosperous lawyer there. They have four children, three young sons and one daughter. Howard is studying at Cornell University, for which Jay N., the next son, is preparing, while Robert York and the only daughter, Catherine, are still continuing their studies at home.

John H., the second son and namesake of John Eichelberger, married Elizabeth Lawlor, of Mansfield, where they reside with their two daughters, Helen and Margaretta. He too is with the National Biscuit Co., and is manager of the shipping department. The youngest, Henry Martin, is in Los Angeles, California,



having a very lucrative business there in the wholesale paper line. He is unmarried.

The three daughters of Daniel and Rebecca Eichelberger were married, respectively, Mary Jane to Edward Eppley, of York, by whom she had three sons, the only one now living being Francis M. Eppley, a lawyer living in New York City. Elizabeth married Leon Rosenmiller, also of York; they had four children, Julianna Anna, died in infancy, Edwin M., who lived to be 23 years old, Joseph E., who lived a bachelor to the age of 70, and Josiah Frederick, who was still living in York at the last the writer knew, at 23 West Market Street. Georgianna Eichelberger married John Weiser, also of York, by whom she had one son, Harry. There may have been others in this family, but we can hear nothing of them. They died young.

Martin, the second and youngest child of Daniel, was a very important man in the history of York, during his early life. His biographical obituary in the York Daily, July 11, 1893, written by one of his many friends, describes him far better than I would be able to:

#### OBITUARY OF MARTIN S. EICHELBERGER

York loses one of its most important citizens, and a representative of one of its oldest families. The deceased was a son of the late Daniel Eichelberger, who was a well known citizen to the older Yorkers, and who died many years ago. He was of a very retiring disposition, refined, modest and unassuming, and only those who enjoyed his companionship understood the grand qualities of the man. The beautiful and costly chapel erected on Prospect Hill Cemetery was built at his expense, and stands a fitting monument to his generosity. He was an attorney by profession, but never practiced to any great extent. During the war he acted as counsel to the borough.

He graduated from Yale College with the class of 1858, with conspicuous honors. He was the Philosophical Oration man of his class. He was also a member of the Skull and Bones Society of the college. His class consisted of 102 graduates, and he was one of the fifteen members honored by admission to the Skull and Bones Society.

He paid much attention to the local and Colonial history, and was probably the best authority on the early history of York County of any man living at the time of his death. The late Judge Gibson gives the deceased credit for much information furnished in the compiling of his History of York County. His contributions to Colonial history made him a valued member of the Pennsylvania Historical Society. At the time of his death he was director of the Farmers National Bank of York, President of the Commonwealth Club, member of the York Club, member of the York Masonic Lodge, and connected with several business interests in the city, prominently among them being that of the Wire Cloth Factory.

But one member of his family survives him, his brother, Mr. John Eichelberger, who resides in Richland Center, Wisconsin. Mr. Harry P. Weiser, whose mother was a sister of the deceased, is a nephew, as is also Mr. E. M. Eppley, which latter named gentleman's mother was also a sister. The deceased never married, but continued to live the life of a retired bachelor in his fine home on East Market Street, enjoying the friendship of a few chosen friends and what was to him the most delightful occupation, communion with the great authors represented in his large and valuable library.

In his death York lost a good citizen, and those who have been recipients of his bounty, a friend that will be missed. He was a man of large wealth, which has, no doubt, been judiciously disposed of by will.

The funeral services will be held in the chapel of Prospect Hill Cemetery which was erected by him, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. His friends and the friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

This Martin Eichelberger, besides being a prominent citizen, was a most devoted son. After his father's death, his mother married Daniel Hartman. In Prospect Hill Cemetery, at York, he put up in memory of his father and mother and step-father, a beautiful chapel. There are many Eichelbergers buried in this cemetery, as well as in the church-yards of Christ and Zion Lutheran Churches.



1. JOHN EICHELBERGER

Jan. 29, 1821—1896, Feb. 16

m—1852 Amanda McIntyre, 1829—1892

Lived York; Ohio; Richland Center, Wis.

*Children 3*

1. Norma M. Eichelberger, b Sept. 1853

m—June 9, 1881. No issue

Lived Mansfield, Ohio, and Towanda, Pa.

2. Catherine R. Eichelberger, b Nov. 4, 1855—

m—June 9, 1880 H. B. Dirlam

Live Mansfield, Ohio

*Children 4*

1. Howard Kenneth Dirlam, b 1881

2. Jay Neil Dirlam, b 1883

3. Catherine Dirlam, b 1885

4. Robert York Dirlam, b 1889

All live Mansfield, Ohio

3. John F. Eichelberger, b May 2, 1863

Lives Mansfield, Ohio

m—1892 Elizabeth Lawlor

*Children 2*

1. Helen Eichelberger

2. Margaretta Eichelberger

3. MARY JANE EICHELBERGER

Lived York

m—Ed Eppley

*Children 3*

1. Jabez Eppley

2. Edward D. Eppley

3. Francis M. Eppley, New York City

4. ELIZABETH EICHELBERGER

Lived York

m—Leon (Lewis) Rosenmiller

*Children 4*

1. Juliana Annie Rosenmiller

2. Edwin William Rosenmiller

3. Joseph Elias Rosenmiller

4. Josiah Frederick Rosenmiller

All single

5. GEORGIANA EICHELBERGER

Lived York

m—John A. Weiser

*Child 1*

1. Harry P. Weiser, Mar. 10, 1852—19—

Lived York and West York

m—Irene Stauffer, daug. of

Book 2F—1— , of York.

Will of John A. Weiser, who died Mar. 21, 1889.

Probated Mar. 27, 1889. Made Sept. 23, 1885.

To wife Mary Jane the house and lot and everything in it on East Market St., adj. Welsh and David A. Weiser.

He owns building adj. Hartmans on square.

During her widowhood, sons Harry P. Weiser, George U. Weiser, and Patterson Sterret Weiser, in trust. To daug. Bertha Weiser. To daug. Mary Louise Weiser. To daug. Anna S. Weiser.

Ex. brother Charles S. Weiser, Jere Carl.

In Prospect Hill Cemetery:

John A. Weiser, July 30, 1824—1889, Mar. 21.

His wife Georgiana Eichelberger, Dec. 16, 1828—1855, June 22. His 2nd wife Mary J., Sept. 6, 1839—1914, Mar. 7.

REBECCA SMYSER

m 2nd—Daniel Hartman

## Dorothea Smiser

Ref.: Colonial Families, vol. 7—338, by Mackenzie, L.L.B.

DOROTHEA SMISER

Lived Charleston, S. C.

m 1st—Rev. Hugh Alison

m 2nd—Jan. 1784 Stephen Lee, Jan. 21, 1750—1807, Nov. 7 at Charleston, S. C.

He was held as a hostage during the Revolution-

ary War on board the schooner Pack Horse in Charleston Harbor

*Children 5*

1. Paul S. H. Lee, Sept. 22, 1784—

2. Francis Joseph Lee, m—May 1, 1813 Ann Beekman

3. Marie Lee

4. Caroline Lee, m—Joshua Lockwood

5. Joseph Lee

## Michael Smyser

m—Rebecca Ferree (1801—185—) daug. of Peter,  
of Andrew, of Daniel, Madame.

b in Adams Co., Pa.

After their marriage, they moved to St. Joe Co.,  
Ind., near South Bend. She died there

### *Children 7*

1. Cornelius Ferree Smyser, lived St. Joe  
Co., Ind.
2. Josiah Smyser, St. Joe Co., Ind.
3. Henry Smyser, St. Joe Co., Ind.
4. William Franklin Smyser, St. Joe Co., Ind.
5. Peter Smyser, died before 1860  
Lived Luzerne Co., Pa.
6. Philip C. Smyser, lived Buchanan Co., Pa.
7. Michael Smyser

Ref.: Recorder's office, Gettysburg, Pa.

Book V—80—249—1850.

On one of my many trips to South Bend, I  
took time to search the records in the Court  
House there, and found that the family of  
Michael Smyser lived there at the time of his  
wife's death.

Her father, Peter Ferree of Gettysburg, had  
died and left her a share of his estate. After her  
death (1850 something) I could not find mention  
of any Smyser in St. Joe Co., so they must have  
all moved elsewhere.

I tried to find them in Ft. Wayne, Allen Co.,  
Ind., but no Smyser there. So I have had to be  
content with this limited information about  
Michael Smyser and his children.

I have wondered if he could have been the son  
of John Smyser, of George, who m—Barbara  
Stambach (or Stambaugh).

## Smyser

Lived Warrington Twp., York Co.

m—Elizabeth , —1877, Aug. 26

### *Children 7*

1. Nancy Smyser, 1812—1894, Aug. 16.  
82—20  
m—Paul Bentz
2. John Henry Smyser
3. Catherine Smyser, m—Trimmer
4. Susan Smyser
5. Elizabeth Smyser, m—Henry Wentz
6. Peter Henry Smyser  
Has his full share
7. Sarah Smyser, m—Gibbs

### *Children 6*

1. Ellen Gibbs
2. Amanda Gibbs
3. Isaac Gibbs, of age in 1879
4. William Gibbs, minor in 1879
5. Charles W. Gibbs, minor in 1879
6. Emma Gibbs, minor in 1879

Orphans' Court.

Book WW—421—1879.

Elizabeth Smyser (died Aug. 26, 1877), of  
Warrington Twp., York Co., left will.

1. To daug. Nancy Bentz 25.

2. To son John Henry Smyser 25.

To other children namely: 3. Catherine  
Trimmer, wife of—, \$80.95; 4. Susan Smyser,  
\$80.95; 5. Elizabeth Wentz, wife of Henry,  
\$80.95; 6. Peter Henry Smyser, nothing as he  
had 100.

7th child, \$80.95. To grandchildren, of my  
daug. Sarah Gibbs, dec., share and share alike.  
Grandchildren are Ellen Gibbs; Amanda  
Gibbs; Isaac Gibbs, of full age of 21 yrs.;  
William Gibbs, a minor, guardian Paul  
Bentz; Charles W. Gibbs and Emma Gibbs,  
minors, guardian Henry Wentz.

Henry Wentz has a bill for board and  
funeral expenses, int., etc.; total 631.17. The  
widow's fund was 1117.10; after all expenses  
paid left only 373.80 to be divided. Peter  
Henry Smyser nothing, as he was to receive  
100 less than other children.



# Schmeiser

In 1928 my sister sent me a newspaper clipping about a Rev. William Schmeiser who had recently moved to Union Bridge, Md. I at once wrote to Rev. Schmeiser, and received the following reply:

Union Bridge, Md.  
Nov. 16, 1928

Mrs. Amanda L. Xanders,  
Syracuse, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Xanders:—

All that I know about my family is as follows—

My father's father and mother came from Germany, Wittenberg-Bairn. My father's name is Henry Schmeiser 1; his brothers are George Schmeiser 2, and Christian Schmeiser 3; his sisters are Elizabeth Schmeiser 4, and Mary Schmeiser 5.

1. HENRY SCHMEISER  
m—Caroline

## *Children 8*

1. William Schmeiser
2. George Schmeiser
3. Frederick H. Schmeiser
4. Albert H. Schmeiser

5. Anna Schmeiser, m—William Fink
  6. Margaret Schmeiser, dec.  
m—Henry Borleis
  7. Francis Schmeiser
  8. Hilda Schmeiser
2. GEORGE SCHMEISER  
m—Louise

## *Children 4*

1. George Schmeiser. Single
  2. Henry Schmeiser. Single
  3. Christian Schmeiser, m— , dec.  
Do not know names of children
  4. John Schmeiser, m—Mary
3. CHRISTIAN SCHMEISER  
m 1st—Margaret , dec.  
m 2nd—

## *Children 4*

1. John Schmeiser
2. Roceeda Schmeiser, m— (do not know name)
3. Ruth Schmeiser
4. Mamie Schmeiser, m— (do not know name)

Sincerely Yours  
Wm. Schmeiser.

## ADDENDA

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1. Elmira Hoke, m—George E. Ammon  
He is assistant supt. of the York Ice Machinery Corp.  
Live Roosevelt Ave. No issue
2. Annie Hoke, Nov. 19, 1862—1929, Dec. 8  
Buried Greenmount Cemetery  
m—Eli Gerber Leathery, son of Samuel and wife Eliza Gerber  
Real Estate Broker. Member Pleasant Home Society  
*Children 2*
  1. Catherine Louise Leathery, lives 836 East 49th, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
m—May 12, 1917 Paul Jacob Keller with Irving Trust Co. of N. Y.  
*Children 3*
    1. Paul Jacob Keller, Jr., 2nd year New York High School
    2. Dorothy Louise Keller
    3. Helen M. Keller
  2. Wilbur Hoke Leathery, Mar. 7, 1899—1922, July 23
3. Susan Hoke  
m—Harry G. Lightner  
Live Manchester Twp.  
*Children 3*
  1. Samuel Lightner
  2. Ray Lightner
  3. Paul Lightner

4. Emma Elizabeth Hoke, m—Charles D. Miller, teacher  
Live W. Princess St., York  
*Children 2*
  1. George Miller, railroad employee  
Lives West York, Monroe St.  
m—Annie Altland, teacher  
1 *Child*, dec.
  2. Lottie Miller
5. John Hoke, tinner and plumber  
He was killed coming in contact with an electric wire  
m—Phoebe Hess  
*Children 2*
  1. Herman Hoke, m—
  2. Susie Hoke, m—Paul Noel
6. Harry Smyser Hoke, dec., m—Minnie Sherwood, sister of Judge Sherwood  
*Children 3*
  1. Smyser Hoke, m—Ella
  2. Helen Hoke, single, took a pipe organ course. Lives Chicago
  3. Sarah Hoke, conducts a beauty parlor in York
- Mrs. Harry Hoke, m 2nd—Frosch
7. William Herman Hoke, plumber  
m— both dec. No issue
8. Sarah Bella Hoke, m—

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2. DANIEL WEBSTER SMYSER  
Mar. 30, 1855—1931, Nov. 1

### SPEAKER DROPS DEAD AT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION NEAR DOVER

Daniel W. Smyser, 77, Suffers Fatal Heart  
Attack During Address At Salem Union Church;  
"I Am Going—", His Last Words

Dover, Nov. 1.—While addressing an  
audience at the annual Sunday school con-

vention of Salem Union church, Daniel W. Smyser, aged 77 years, seven months and one day, of Wellsville R. D. 2, was stricken by a heart attack at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon, and died within a few minutes. Mr. Smyser, an ardent and devout worker in church and Sunday school, was delivering an address on the subject, "How To Develop a Worshipful Attitude in the Sunday School," and had just uttered the words, "I am going ———" when he was fatally stricken.



Mr. Smyser, a resident of Warrington township, near Rossville, for the past 20 years, was widely known in Sunday school work. He was superintendent of the Rossville Lutheran Sunday school, and teacher of the Men's Bible class, the leader of the choir of the Rossville Lutheran church, of which he was a member, and only last Sunday had been re-elected as a member of the executive committee of the Upper District Sunday School association, at its convention at Red Run.

#### WISH FULFILLED

With death occurring in this manner, Mr. Smyser had a wish of long standing gratified. He often told friends that he hoped that death

might occur to him while he was engaged in his favorite task, that of rendering service to his Lord. His death this afternoon, while speaking before a Sunday school convention, was a literal gratification of his wish.

Mr. Smyser is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary E. Smyser; one son, William E. Smyser, Penbrook, and one daughter, Mrs. Russel D. Klinedinst, Texas avenue, York, and three brothers, George D. Smyser, of York, and William L. and Martin Smyser, of Chicago.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from the late residence. Interment will be made in the cemetery adjoining the Friends' Meeting house, near Wellsville.

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#### 5. GEORGE EICHELBERGER (OF MICHAEL)

Feb. 22, 1800—1869, Mar. 10

He grew up on the home farm owned by his great-grand-father

When he became of age he purchased the farm on the York road from Hanover

m—Jan. 18, 1822 Sarah Diehl (Aug. 23, 1804—1865, Jan. 11) of Hanover, daug. of

#### Children 8

1. Martin Eichelberger, Mar. 25, 1823—
2. Anna Maria Eichelberger, May 5, 1825—1842, Aug. 29
3. Michael D. Eichelberger, Mar. 20, 1827—1869, May 14

Michael D. Eichelberger took over the farm when his father moved to Hanover

He was a prominent democrat

He was County Commissioner for many years

4. George W. Eichelberger, Nov. 17, 1829—1838, Feb. 28
5. Franklin Eichelberger, Mar. 10, 1832—
6. Charles F. Eichelberger, July 2, 1834—1900, Apr. 6
7. Sarah Eichelberger, Apr. 12, 1838—1842
8. Louisa Cath. Eichelberger, July 4, 1842—

#### 1. MARTIN EICHELBERGER

b Mar. 25, 1823

m—1844 Catherine Geiselman

#### 3. MICHAEL D. EICHELBERGER

b and lived in Heidelberg Twp.

Farmer

m—Elizabeth Hershey, daug. of Henry and

his wife Eliz. Strickhauser of Codorus Twp. She died 1897

#### Children 2

1. Henry G. Eichelberger, lived York m—Amanda Strickhouser
2. Edwin C. Eichelberger, m—1872 Susan Strickhouser, daug. of Henry and Isabella Zellers

#### Children 4

1. Grace Eichelberger, lived York and Baltimore, Md.
- m—Clifford Drenning of Baltimore
2. Harry L. Eichelberger, dec.
3. Percy Eichelberger, died infancy
4. Willard M. Eichelberger

Edwin C. was city assessor of York, 1899 to 1901. Member Grace Reformed Church

Lives 316 North Newberry St.

#### 5. FRANKLIN EICHELBERGER

May 10, 1832—

m—Louise Hershey

#### 6. CHARLES F. EICHELBERGER

July 2, 1834—1900, Apr. 6

m—Susan Menges

#### 8. LOUISA CATHERINE EICHELBERGER

Lived near and in Hanover, Pa.

m—William J. Young, b June 14, 1838

#### Children 10

1. Ida M. Young, b May 6, 1861
2. Sarah B. Young
3. Robert E. Young
4. Cora B. Young

5. Grace M. Young
6. Anna Catherine Young
7. Edward B. Young
8. Carrie A. Young
9. Helen E. Young
10. Henry William Young

1. IDA M. YOUNG

Lived Hanover, Pa.

m—Nov. 8, 1880 John Henry Brough, b  
Adams Co. Jan. 21, 1855

A prominent business man of Hanover  
President of two water companies, director  
of 1st National Bank

Owens 3 farms near East Berlin. Came to York  
1876, to Hanover 1878

*Children 3*

1. Charles Young Brough, b  
Graduated from Cornell University,  
Ithaca, N. Y., class of 1904  
Mechanical engineer, employee of the  
J. S. Young Co. of Hanover

2. Katie May Brough, b  
Graduated from Woman's College, Bal-  
timore, Md., class of 1905  
In her senior year she was awarded a  
scholarship to the Marine Biological  
Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass.

3. Myra Elizabeth Brough  
Graduated from Wilson College, Cham-  
bersburg, Pa., class of 1907  
Members St. Mark's Lutheran Church of  
Hanover

2. SARAH B. YOUNG

Lived in Baltimore, Md.

m—George A. Klinefelter, b in Hanover  
He is extensively engaged in the laundry  
business in Baltimore, Washington and Phila-  
delphia

*Children 2*

1. Katie Klinefelter

2. George Young Klinefelter

3. ROBERT E. YOUNG

Lived Hanover; moved to Omaha, Neb.

He is in the fruit commission business

m—Nellie Morris

*Child 1*

1. William Young

4. CORA B. YOUNG

Lived Hanover, Pa.

m—Dr. Horace M. Alleman

*Child 1*

1. Winnemore Alleman

5. GRACE M. YOUNG

m—Harry C. Naill

*Children 4*

1. Richard Young Naill

2. Catherine Elizabeth Naill

3. William Naill

4. Mary Naill

6. ANNA CATHERINE YOUNG

m—Frank H. Jenkins, druggist, member of  
the firm of Emlett and Jenkins

*Child 1*

1. Mitchell Jenkins

7. EDWARD B. YOUNG

Lives in Philadelphia

Manager of his brother-in-law's laundry  
plant in that city

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Received this line from Miss Edith Holton, 614  
Locust St., Long Beach, Calif.

1. Adam Eichelberger, May 12, 1739—1789,  
Dec. 9

m—1761 Magdalena Bechtel

2. Michael Eichelberger, May 17, 1765—1801,  
May 30

m—Catherine Smyser

3. Adam Eichelberger (Sheriff), b Oct. 12,  
1791—1847, Mar. 13

m—1814 Sarah E. Wolf, b Aug. 27, 1795—  
1841, Aug. 11

4. Rebecca Eichelberger, b Mar. 10, 1822—

m—Jesse Holton, —1872

5. George Holton, Oct. 12, 1857—

m—Dec. 2, 1881 Leah Hensley

b June 9, 1863

6. Edith Holton, b Dec. 12, 1889—

Lives 614 Locust Ave., Long Beach, Calif.



Mathias Smyser the 1st lived on the farm from 1745 to 1771, when he quit farming but resided on the premises until April 1778 when he died.

Mathias Smyser the 2nd occupied the farm from 1771 to 1806, when he quit farming but resided thereon until Feb. 21, 1829 when he died.

Mathias Smyser the 3rd lived on the farm 1806 to 1840, when he moved to York where he died April 7, 1843, aged 60 yrs. 3 mo. 9 days.

Samuel Smyser then became the owner of the farm. He willed it to the Children's Home of York, Pa.

MR. CANNON—MISS BEARD WERE MARRIED  
TUESDAY

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Ceremony Performed At Bride's Parents' Home  
By Rev. M. L. Ganoe

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MATRONS AND MAIDS OF HONOR

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Ralph Smyser Cannon, Former Treasurer of  
Security Title & Trust Co., Weds Miss Edith  
Luella Beard Under Charming Auspices

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Ralph S. Cannon, and Miss Edith Luella Beard, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Beard, were married at 6:30 p. m. yesterday in the home of the bride's parents, 38 South Beaver street, by the Rev. M. L. Ganoe, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Horace M. Snyder, of Hampstead, Long Island, and Mrs. John McCoy and Mrs. Carlton F. Spinney, both of this city, were matrons of honor, while the Misses Mary Taylor Abercrombie, of Baltimore; Anna Williams King, of Williamsport; Claudia F. Ellsworth, of Washington, D. C., and Miriam O. Stein, of York, fraternity sisters of the Delta Delta Delta of Women's college, of which institution the bride

is a graduate, were the attendants. Dr. William S. Eisenhart, York, was best man. The ushers were Robert Stanley Beard, Walter Elwood Beard, brothers of the bride, and John Smith McCoy, all of this city. Miss Maude Dunlop, of Washington, of the Delta Delta Delta fraternity, played the Lohengrin and Mendelssohn wedding marches and while the ceremony was being performed played "Traumerie." The bride's bouquet was a shower of lilies of the valley. The matrons carried Liberty roses with red streamers.

Mr. and Mrs. Cannon, amid a shower of rice and confetti left on the Buffalo and St. Louis express, at 10:02 o'clock on an extended northern trip.

The bride is a graduate of the High school and also of the Women's college, of Baltimore, in the class of 1901. She is well known in local musical circles, having been a member of several church choirs.

Mathias Smyser 1st, 2nd and 3rd and wives were buried in the graveyard of Christ Lutheran Church; later were removed to Samuel and Joseph Smyser's lots in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

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